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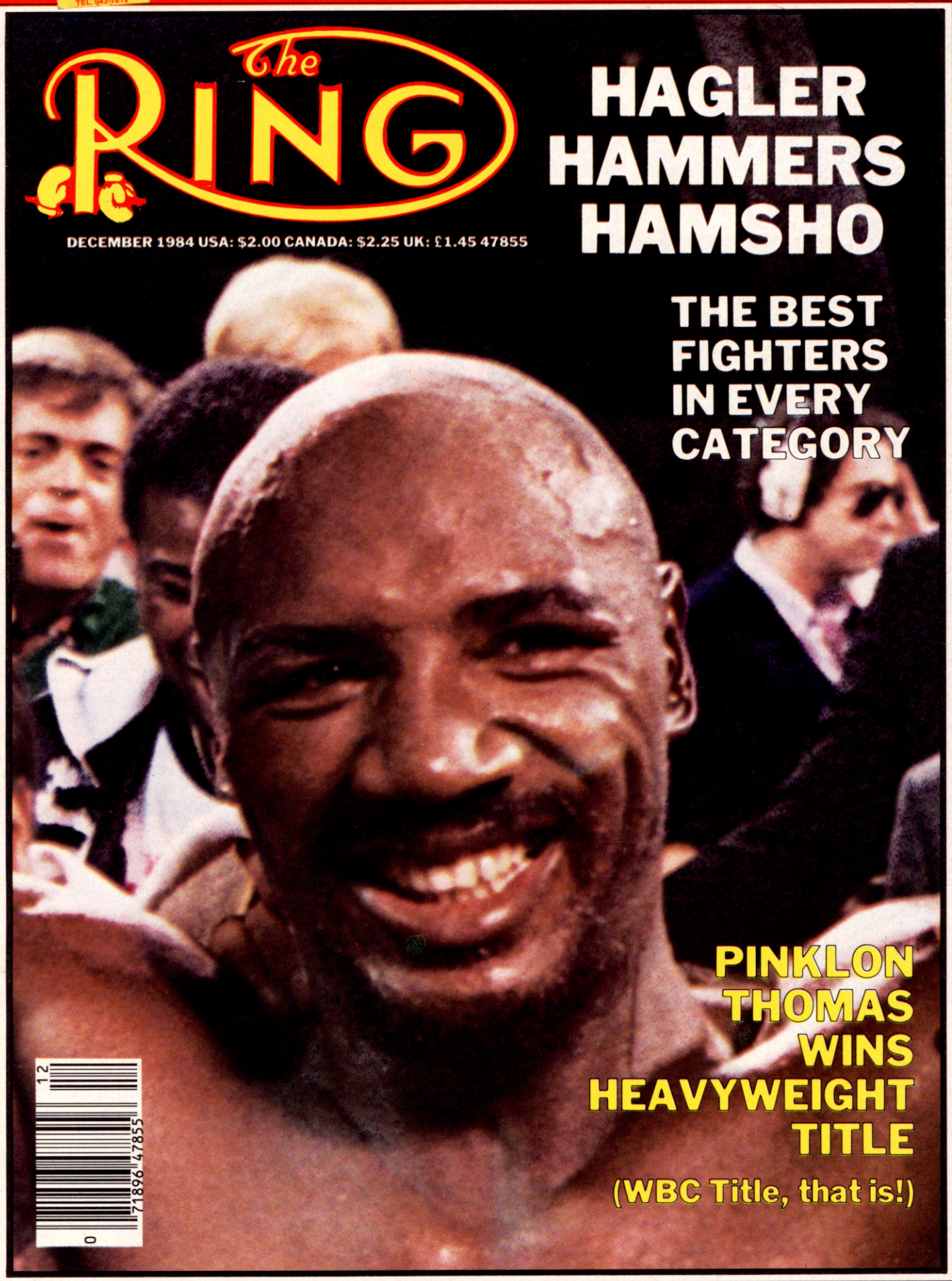

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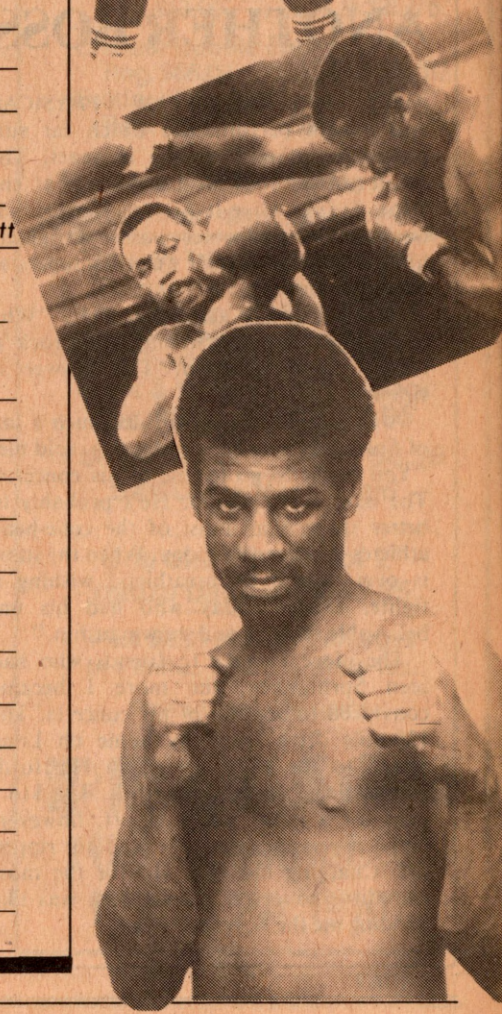

RINGSIDE

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER BOSS

A FEW NIGHTS AGO, I SAW A PHYSICAL and mental performance which far surpassed anything I've seen in years. The effort turned in was straight out of the "Joe Frazier Give-It-All-You-Got Handbook." The performer wasn't a fighter, however, the performer was rock superstar Bruce Springsteen.

I know. You're asking yourself, "Why in the world is Randy writing about rock 'n roll?" Good question. The answer is simple.

A friend of mine, who is as much a fan of Springsteen as he is of boxing, told me, "You ought to go to one of his concerts. The man is a dynamo. He's probably in better shape than most of the coke-head athletes in the world today. When the show is over, you'll be breathless, wishing a fighter existed today who had his unbelievable stamina and showmanship."

The more I spoke to friends who had seen Springsteen, the more I became convinced to see one of his concerts. The 120-mile drive from my home on Long Island to the Civic Center in Hartford, Connecticut, was well worth it. The $16 I paid for a ticket was a ripoff, however. Only, it was the promoter who got ripped off. Charging me only $16 for the most incredible concert I've ever seen was like handing me the ticket for free.

Looking around the Civic Center, where I once saw Marlong Starling outpoint Danny Paul, I couldn't find an empty seat. I soon found out why Springsteen is such a draw. I found out why he's called "The Boss."

Springsteen began his performance at 8:30. He performed until 10:00, then said,

"Don't go away, we're gonna take a short break, then come back. We're only getting warmed up!" He looked as if he had been through a 90-minute workout. I figured he'd perform for 30 minutes, perhaps 45, then send us all home in tremendous spirits.

At midnight, he was still jumping up and down, singing, racing back and forth across the stage displaying endurance and an enthusiasm for his job, the likes of which I've never seen in any line of work. At 12:10, he said "Goodnight." Five minutes of a standing ovation from the packed arena brought him out again. He did not come out for five minutes or even 15 more minutes. He came out for slightly over another half hour. He's been known to stay out far longer than that. For the night's work, I understand he earned approximately $125,000.

Springsteen earned every penny of his money. He earned it by working hard on stage. He also earned it by not ripping off his fans, something this superstar could have done by asking the promoter to pay him a sum which could balance our national budget. Had that been the case, the promoter could have paid Springsteen the sum, then turned around and charged exorbitant ticket prices.

Springsteen paid his dues, something too many fighters are not willing to do. Years ago, he worked the small clubs (the four-rounders) of the Jersey shore. He stepped up bit by bit before moving into world-class status. Today, he refuses to live on past reputation. What happened yesterday, fugures Springsteen, is history. Bruce Springsteen is a champion. Each time he steps on stage, he forms like one.

Why is it today's champions are all prima donnas? Why is it each one of them think they're worth millions? Springsteen doesn't get paid millions each time he performs (though I think he certainly deserves it!) Today's champions, as well as most of the contenders, are a lazy group of athletes. They want everything handed to them. Easy fights. Television dates. Championship fights. Few want to pay the price.

Sorry, guys. The time has come to start earning, really earning, your money. You want to earn millions for a fight? Do something to make yourself worth millions. Otherwise, learn to start accepting "only" hundreds of thousands of dollars. Those million dollar paydays are reserved for superstars or superfights. Unfortunately, boxing has run out of both. The sport, with perhaps an exception here and there (i.e. Ray Mancini, who, unfortunately, is not as durable as Springsteen) has no charismatic personality who can—or will—put out 100% all night long.

Boxing has a lack of Bruce Springsteens. It's hurting the sport. So is the fact that boxing has too many divisions and too many organizations.

But that's for discussion on another day.

—RANDY GORDON

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ROUND ONE

BY RANDY GORDON

ROCKY I, II & III

WORLD JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT champ Rocky Lockridge woke up the morning of August 23 as an expectant father—expecting his wife, Carolyn, to give birth in early October. He went to sleep that night the father of twin boys.

"I wasn't home when Carolyn went into labor," said Rocky. "She left a message for me that she was driving herself to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. She's tough. I got there in plenty of time." Mrs. Lockridge was in labor for 13 hours.

"We named the first son 'Ricky,' which is my first name. 'Ricky Rimar.' We named his brother, born several minutes later, 'Lamar.' "

Rimar and Lamar weighed in at 2½ pounds and 2.8 pounds, respectively, and were placed in incubators. Now two months old, they both are putting on weight and progressing just fine. Their mother is also doing fine. The champ? He's reported to be resting comfortably after the shock of having twins hit him.

SEEING BETTER THAN MOST

HE KNOWS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO box, even though he has never been in the ring before. And although he has never seen a boxing match, Donald Wardlow says boxing is his favorite sport. Indeed, he knows more about boxing than most people.

Wardlow is a 21-year-old native of Metuchen, N.J., who just began his junior year at Glassboro State College in Glassboro, N.J. Wardlow has been blind since birth.

"I love basketball and baseball," says Wardlow, "but boxing is my favorite." The youngest of five children, Wardlow has been following boxing for seven years.

"I make audio tapes of every fight on television," he told *The Ring*. "I must have thousands of tapes."

At Glassboro, where Wardlow majors in communications, he is an on-air personality for the school's radio station, WGLS. In April, 1982, he began providing on-air color commentary for the school's home baseball games.

Last August, Wardlow announced his first boxing match over WGLS, from the "Ice World" in Totowa, N.J. Wardlow's colleagues were *Ring Magazine* correspondents Jack "KO-JO" Obermayer and Jeff "Superfan" Jowett. As always, sitting at Wardlow's side was "Duffer," his three-year-old Golden Retriever who helps him get around.

"When I 'watch' a fight on television," says Wardlow, "I probably do more listening to the announcers than most people. Naturally, I like it when the announcers do a lot of talking. It helps me learn about the fighter."

When he announces a fight, Wardlow says, "I strictly do the color. But I can feel it when one fighter has the other one in trouble. My hearing is exceptional and I pick up the smallest thing that may escape most other people. I know when a fight has been scored poorly. Sometimes I think I can score a fight better than a lot of officials."

Sometimes, Wardlow surprises even himself.

"I was doing color for a Glassboro baseball game," Wardlow recalls. "It was the last inning and the visitors sent up a pinch-hitter. He wore number 3. My play-by-play announcer made a reference to the guy having a bit of a paunch, and jokingly made reference to him being another Babe Ruth. I said, 'The real Babe Ruth would probably belt it out of here in this situation. He was great in the clutch. Let's see what this number 3 can do.' Guess what? He hit the next pitch over the fence."

Donald Wardlow may be blind, but he's certainly not handicapped.

NOW A WORD FROM HIS FANS

BERNARD TAYLOR IS A TALENTED featherweight out of Knoxville, Tennessee. In this month's *Ring*, Taylor was selected as the eighth-rated featherweight in the world by The Ring's International Panel.

Unfortunately, Taylor's run and dance, jab and hold style is about as exciting as watching replays of Tim Witherspoon vs. Greg Page. Since he turned pro in 1980, it is doubtful more than one dozen pro-Bernard Taylor letters have come into this office.

Then came August and September, 1984. During those two months, at least three dozen pro-Taylor letters were sent to The Ring offices. All the letters came from Knoxville, Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn., Pensacola, Fla., Charleston, S.C. and Charlotte, N.C. Would you call it coincidence all the letters arrived in August and September? Absolutely not. It was a group of Bernard Taylor fans putting their collective efforts into a letter-writing campaign aimed at getting their hero some ink. It worked. They can now say something was written about the 27-year-old, 29-0-1 (19 knockouts) Taylor in The Ring.

While some may claim it was a total coincidence that all the letters came in August and September and came in bunches, was it a coincidence that six of them had the name of *Ring*'s Editor as

"Rand," rather than Randy?

And how's this? What should be most embarrassing to the group is that seven of the letters misspelled Bernard Taylor's name, writing it as "Barnard."

"HAIR YE, HAIR YE"

IT WAS IN 1976 THAT DON KING unplugged his electrified hair and got what most people would call a "normal haircut. He did so because he was depressed. Nothing was going his way. Muhammad Ali had deserted him, moving over to King's promotional arch-enemy, Bob Arum. No major fights were falling into King's promotional hands. After watching King mope around for a few months, a friend told him, "C'mon Don, get back to being yourself. Get that hair back up. Snap out of it!" King said, "You're right!"

Almost immediately, he was back to being Don King, the self-proclaimed "magnanimous super promoter."

In recent weeks, King was seen at Madison Square Garden, when the Jackson's were performing, at various press conferences around the country and at ringside for several of his promotions. His hair is now higher than any of the notes Michael Jackson ever hits.

If the height of King's hair is any indication of how happy he is, Don King must be the world's happiest person.

SANCTIONING TWO MISMATCHES

ON SEPTEMBER 13, MADISON SQUARE garden's Boxing Department put on their monthly club show in the 4,200-seat Felt Forum, located under The Garden. On top was a 12-round New York State bantamweight title bout between Pedro Alindato and Ken Mitchell, won by Mitchell via split decision. It was a solid match, as was their 10-round lightweight co-feature, which Juan Ramon Cruz won with a fourth round TKO over game Ivan Montalvo.

However, two of the other fights featured mismatches. And what mismathces they were! The two out-of-town opponents, who were matched against the local stars, were poor opposition. Make that awful opposition.

In one fight were heavyweights Jeff Burg of Kentucky and Richard "Boone" Pultz of Clifton, New Jersey. Berg came in at 0-3, having been stopped twice in the first round and once in the second. Pultz was 8-0 with seven knockouts. Adding to the ridiculousness of this match is the fact it was scheduled for eight rounds, despite the fact Berg was only a four-round fighter.

There was also a scheduled eight-round heavyweight bout between Dayton, Ohio, heavyweight Mel Hosey and Union City, New Jersey's, Carlos Hernandez. Hosey, billed as 9-11, was, in reality, 1-16. Nine of the losses had been by knockout. Hernandez was 13-0.

When New York Tribune boxing writer Joe Bruno heard about the two stiffs, he questioned the New York State Athletic Commission as to why they would sanction the fights, especially the Hosey-Hernandez fight. Commissioner Jack Graham, an honest, hard-working individual, surprised Bruno by telling him he was accepting the record of Hosey as 9-11, not the accurate record of 1-16 as compiled by The Ring Record Book. Where did he get the 9-11? From Ed Spears. And just who is Ed Spears? He claims to be former boxing commissioner of Dayton, Ohio. That should tell you something right there. So Graham accepted the record of a noted stiff from a man he didn't know, over the record which appeared in The Ring Record Book.

Bruno was told by Graham that he (Bruno) needn't worry—both Burg and Hosey would be watched carefully by the referee, that the fight would be stopped at the first sign they were in trouble. Why would the NYSAC do that? By being ready to quickly stop the fight is openly admitting the match is a poor one at best, that it is a mismatch but the show must go on.

It's one thing to put on a fight which, on paper, looks to be a good one but turns into a mismatch (i.e. Thomas Hearns-Roberto Duran, Donald Curry-Roger Stafford). It's another to do what the NYSAC did because of the irresponsibility of the MSG Boxing Department. The NYSAC committed the greatest sin of all—they SANCTIONED A MISMATCH.

Oh, by the way. Burg was stopped in the first round. Hosey was stopped in the second.

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

What fighter heads the list having fought 15 rounds or more the most times?

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October's question: List every heavyweight championship fight in the Queensberry era in which the winner suffered a knockdown.

Answer: Larry Holmes (Renaldo Snipes, Earnie Shavers); Muhammad Ali (Chuck Wepner); Floyd Patterson (Ingemar Johansson III, Pete Rademacher, Roy Harris, Tom McNeeley); Rocky Marciano (Jersey Joe Walcott I & II, Buddy Baer I, James J. Braddock); Gene Tunney (Jack Dempsey); Jack Johnson (Stanley Ketchel); Bob Fitzsimmons (James J. Corbett).

PUNCHLINES

BARNEY NAGLER, PRESIDENT OF the Boxing Writer's Association, upon hearing the term, "Super Flyweight": "That's a contradiction of terms!"

BEFORE THE MAIN EVENT OF A recent boxing show in Tampa, Fla., three break-dancers, hired by promoter Phil Alessi, performed for 15 minutes in the ring. At ringside was boxing manager Mickey Duff, who, after seeing the dancers spin around on their heads and on their bottoms, was moved to say, "I had several fighters who used to do that during their fights. I was forced to retire them!"

LAST AUGUST 15, THE GRAY brothers of Boynton Beach, Florida—Bernard (a featherweight), Clifford (a lightweight) and Joe (a middleweight)—made their pro debuts on an Alessi Promotion card in Tampa, Florida. All three were matched against less-than-gifted opposition. Joe stopped his opponent in 2:10 of the first round. Bernard did even better. His opponent lasted only :45 into the opening frame. Clifford, whose nickname is "Sweet Show," took "much" longer to dispose of his opponent—2:02 of the second round. Later, when asked why it took him "so long" to stop his opponent, Clifford said, "I wanted fans to see the 'Sweet Show,' not the 'Early Show.'

WHILE ON HIS WAY FROM HIS dressing room to the ring, Cleveland's Terry Mims spotted his opponent, Carl "The Truth" Williams, who would stop him in round four. Mims, outsized by four inches and outweighed by 35 pounds (218-183), said to his trainer with a hint of doom in his voice, "Big dude, ain't he?"

HEAVYWEIGHT COMEDIAN RANdall (Tex) Cobb says boxing is used by nearly everybody in Philadelphia.

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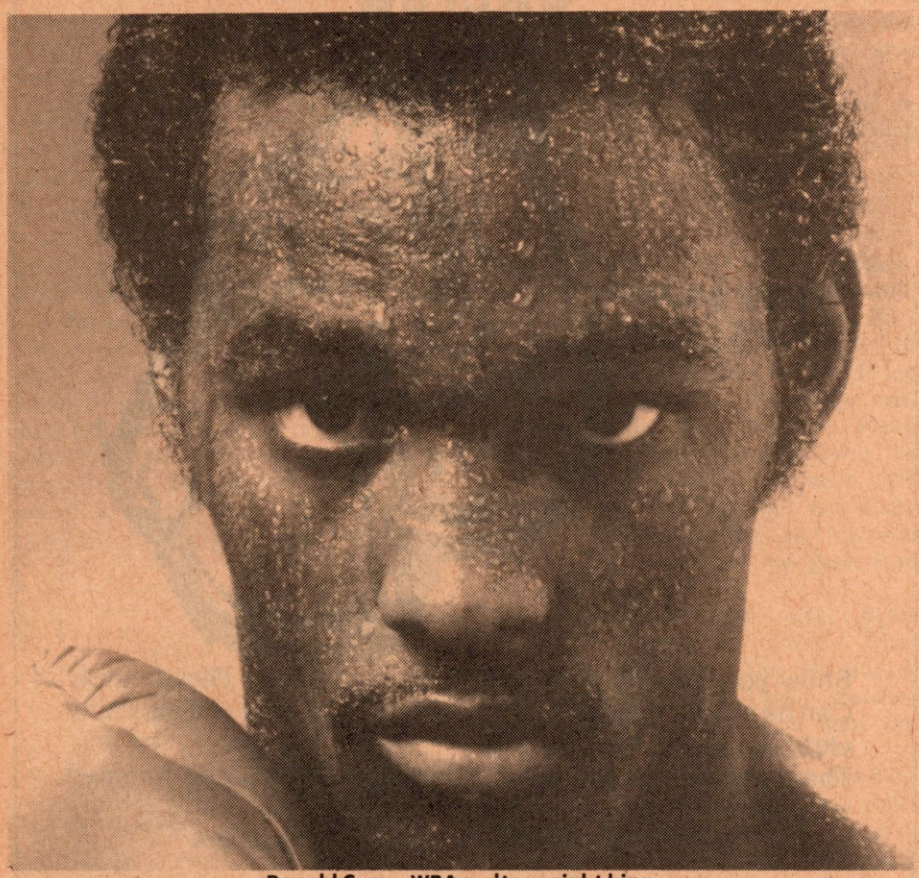

Donald Curry, WBA welterweight king

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED AMATEURS

BY MICHAEL KATZ

FOUR YEARS LATER, I HAVE DECIDED to vote for Jimmy Carter. The man deserves, at the very least, an Olympic gold medal for his efforts to stamp out amateur boxing. Using as his excuse the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan to call for a 1980 Olympic boycott, Carter was of course merely expressing his vehement opposition to the only sport in the world that could possibly make professional boxing look safe, sane and savory.

"It took me almost a full term in office to realize it," the former President said in 18 minutes of tapes recently discovered by Ring Magazine, "but amateurs are bumbling incompetents. Just look at what they did to my administration."

Carter said he was advised by his secret campaign manager, Don King, that an American boycott of the 1980 Moscow Games would in turn lead to a Soviet boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

"But what we were counting, to really kill that idiotic competition, was our own boycott of the Los Angeles Games," said Carter. "If no one at all showed up, I felt confident the Olympics themselves would be eliminated once and for all and we could all get around to more important matters of state. My advisors, however, failed to take into account that I would not be re-elected, not that I could blame them. Still, I felt confident that my successor would carry on. After all, the Russians were still in Afghanistan."

Carter's worst fears were realized when the United States won nine of the 12 gold medals in the Los Angeles boxing competition.

"This might cause a boom in amateur boxing," said Carter. "Americans love success. It's not which game you play, but how you win it. My God, Amy wants to be like Mary Lou Retton."

Carter admitted he had a "secret lust in my heart" for the virility of boxing competition. "But Howard Cosell is better than a cold shower," he said. "Look at what he did to the sex scene in Woody Allen's movie, 'Bananas,' when he did the blow-by-blow of the wedding night. He turned it into comedy."

Carter said he was most amused by Cosell's invention of the "speed jab" in Los Angeles.

"He talked about how that's the punch you need most in amateur boxing," said Carter. "I asked Larry Holmes about whether a speed jab could be used in pro boxing. He told me that he always threw slow jabs when he wanted his opponent to come over his left hand with a right cross to the face."

Carter said he learned back in Plains, Ga., to be wary of amateurs in any endeavor.

"My brother Billy is especially annoyed with amateur drinkers, the ones that show up New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day," he said. "Those are the only two days of the year Billy won't drink."

"Amateur boxing is like paddleball. It's good exercise, but would you pay to watch it? Look at what happened in Los Angeles. Everybody was talking about the judging. Well, of course, the politics of amateur boxing are dirtier than anything Bert Lance was ever accused of. But it wasn't just the judging that was bad. The refereeing was worse. And worst of all was the level of competence of the fighters. It's like when the crowd gets excited in a novice Golden Gloves fight when two kids who know less about boxing than I did about the Congress just start flailing away at each other. Believe me, that is not very efficient."

Carter did not want to denigrate the accomplishments of such obviously talented Olympians as Mark Breland, Pernell Whitaker, Meldrick Taylor and Evander Holyfield.

"But it makes me laugh when people compare this team to the one in 1976," he said. "Let me tell you, I had a better team in 1980. Think about it. Johnny Bumphus, Tony Ayala, Jr., Donald Curry, Bernard Taylor, Tony Tucker as a light-heavyweight, Richard Sandoval. They

were even good pros. Some of them might have been better if they hadn't been amateurs so long.

"See, amateur boxing, once you go past the value of taking kids off the street and giving them some discipline, is a phony sport. The rules are ridiculous. Each punch counts the same? A speed jab, whatever that is, is the same as a knockdown punch to the chin? That's as silly as saying all Congressmen count equally, or that the vote of Lower Volta counts the same as ours in the United Nations.

"And the hypocrites in amateur boxing who rave about how much safer their sport is than the pros, as if headgear stops kids from dying in the ring. You think it's safe to have young kids fight five or six times in a couple of weeks? That's tougher than going through five or six primaries in that time.

"Then they talk about how boxing is not fighting, it's really self-defense. But they don't let the kids defend themselves properly. The amateur rules were written in the days of Rutherford B. Hayes, when everyone fought straight up. Bobbing and weaving is illegal. So is ducking. It's like everyone is supposed to box like Republicans."

"In fact, I have evidence that amateur boxing is controlled by Republicans."

He said there was a "kitchen cabinet" in amateur boxing circles in this country that did not permit such radicals as, for example, Cus D'Amato, to gain any power.

"Cus had this kid, Michael Tyson, who would have run the gold-medal winner, Henry Tillman, out of the ring in a real boxing match," said Carter. "But Cus knew he had no chance of winning a decision, no matter how much Tillman ran and didn't fight. He was told that if he didn't play ball with the big shots, his kid would have to win 'the hard way.' Let me tell you, not only is amateur boxing politics worse than pro boxing, it's worse than Congress and the Defense Department."

Carter is convinced the only reason Holyfield was disqualified at the Olympics was not that the Yugoslav judge wanted a countryman to win the gold medal, but simply because Holyfield came from Georgia "and the boys wanted to get even with me."

"The joke is that made Holyfield special," said Carter. "If he were one of 10 gold-medal winners, he'd have been lost in the crowd. Now he'll make a lot more money than most of the winners.

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Michael Katz is the premiere boxing writer for the *New York Times*.

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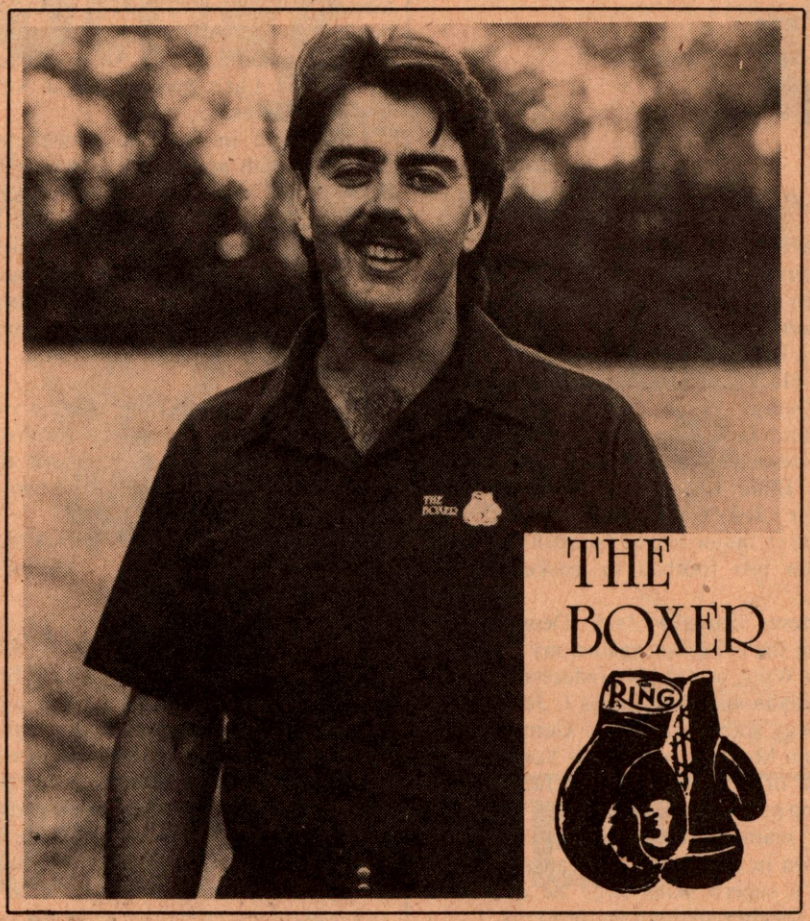

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REMEMBERING ATTELL

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY ELATION regarding Steven R. Nicolaisen's article, "When Battling Nelson Finally Mastered Joe Gans," in the June 1984 issue of *Ring*.

As a boy, we black youngsters had only those black ring immortals to look up to like George Dixon, Joe Walcott, Peter Jackson, Jack Johnson, Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, Sam McVey, Jack Blackburn, Dixie Kid, Harry Wills and top favorite Joe Gans, since blacks were banned in major league baseball and there was no pro football or basketball like today.

I never forgave Jack Dempsey for pulling the color bar against my ring idol, Harry Wills, as did his predecessors, John L. Sullivan and later James J. Jeffries. He got away with it, thanks to Commissioner William Muldoon when New York was the Mecca of boxing, manager Jack Kearns and top promoter Tex Rickard.

My main reason for this letter is the mention in the article: "Because of (Abe) Attell's superb skills (why he and Gans never fought remains a mystery) . . ."

Perhaps this will clear that "mystery" up a bit. Back in early 1958, Sugar Ray Robinson was training in the nearby Long Pond Inn in Greenwood Lake, New York, for his winning title fight against Carmen Basilio in Chicago, March 25, 1958. The ring immortal Abe Attell was a guest of Robinson and manager George Gainford at their living quarters at the Cabin in the Sky.

I was assigned to cover Robinson in training for the newspaper I worked for. However, being always interested in the past saga of pugilism, my column was on Attell instead of Robinson.

Sitting in a booth in the lodge, I interviewed Attell and one of my questions was, "Abe, just how really great was Joe Gans?" His answer was, "I haven't seen his equal yet when he was in his prime with the 'wraps' off. When I was approached about fighting Gans, I told the promoter 'Nothing doing. Fight him yourself!' Remember, I fought them all from featherweights to welterweights."

In my mind, that was a never-to-be-forgotten interview with the grand old man. It was one of my saddest memories in boxing. Later, Attell sued Robinson for $10,000, claiming he was there at Greenwood Lake training Sugar Ray on how to beat Basilio.

I appeared in court as a witness for Robinson with my article, in which Attell said, "You know, I'm a *guest* here of Robinson." And at ringside at the Long Pond Inn gym, Gainford, while introducing various celebrities, announced, "and here, staying with us as a *guest*, is boxing's oldest living champion, the great former featherweight champion, Abe Attell."

Robinson won the case, but the victory was bitter for me because I admired the great little fellow so much. I will always cherish the pictures taken of the two of us at the Cabin in the Sky.

JOHN BRUEN, SR.
Goshen, N.Y.

BENDING THE RULES

HOWARD COSELL IS ALWAYS EAGER to bring up the Olympic scoring system. People don't understand it, he says. The system allows a fighter to be staggered over and over and still win the bout with pit-pat punches and constant back-pedalling. Some bouts bore such resemblance to the Milton McCrory-Colin Jones fights that the decisions awarded to the U.S. were sickening.

However, the scoring system wasn't involved when U.S. featherweight Meldrick Taylor was being so severely pummelled by Kenyan John Wanjau that even Cosell said the fight was "up for grabs." In Howard's terminology, that means Taylor needed a miracle to win.

Two minutes into the third round, the referee called to the doctor and the bout was stopped. The Kenyan's right eye was closing, but, the way he was beating the American by all standards, even Cosell wasn't aware of it. As the crowd booed, Howard said, with a sigh of relief, "They don't understand . . . protection of the fighter." The only ones really protected in this case were Taylor and the U.S. boxing team.

Now comes the clincher. There was no doubt in anyone's mind—not in Cosell's or in coach Pat Nappi's—that Henry Tillman had been outclassed by Italian heavyweight Angelo Musone. But the jury reversed the judge's decision and sent Tillman to the finals.

Are these the fighters of the future? Will the rules of professional boxing also be bent for them?

ROB REVOCK
Cleveland, Ohio

ONE FOR COSELL . . .

DESPITE WHAT ANYBODY SAYS ABOUT him, I still think Howard Cosell is the number one fight caller in the world. Nobody brings as much drama and excitement to the fan as does "Humble Howard."

His expressions of "There! Right There!", "Suddenly!" and "You saw it!" absolutely get a fight fan's adrenalin pumping even harder. For my money, Howard Cosell is the man I most want behind the mike.

ALAN PLUMBER
Bellmore, N.Y.

. . . AND ONE AGAINST

BOY, AM I GLAD THE OLYMPICS ARE over. Oh, I enjoyed the Games. I really got into watching the top athletes in the world compete against one another. I just couldn't handle listening to Howard Cosell.

He seems to have a pre-conceived notion of who is going to win, then calls the fight thusly. This is especially true if one of those countries is the United States or one of those fighters a pet favorite of his, such as Mark Breland, Pernell Whitaker or Shawn O'Sullivan.

His constant use of the term "speed jab" began to make me nauseous. Working these fights, Cosell truly became a caricature of himself. I'm glad he only calls amateur fights, having taken himself off of the professional boxing beat. At least now, it'll be another four years before we true fight fans have to endure him in such a large dose again.

RICHARD EDMONSON
Palo Alto, Calif.

STOP IT!

I HAVE BEEN AN AVID BOXING FAN all my life and a subscriber to *The Ring* for many years. I have one complaint which might be appropriate for print.

What is this love affair that you seem to have with the word "stoppage"? When a fighter loses by having a referee count ten over him or a fight is *stopped* by the referee, it is called a *knockout* or a TKO. The word stoppage which creeps into every article and every report of late is not only grammatically incorrect but is downright silly. Do you propose to announce shortly the number of fights fought and the

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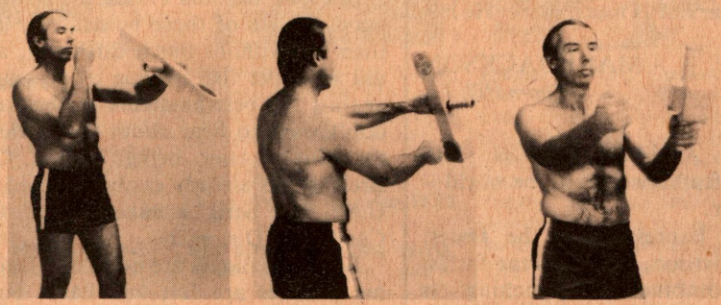

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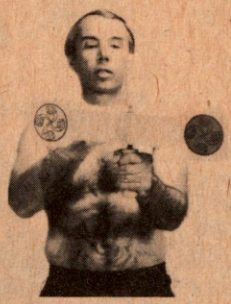

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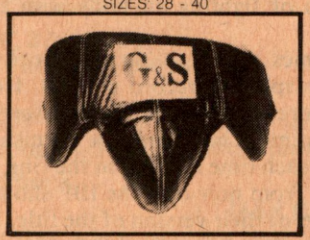

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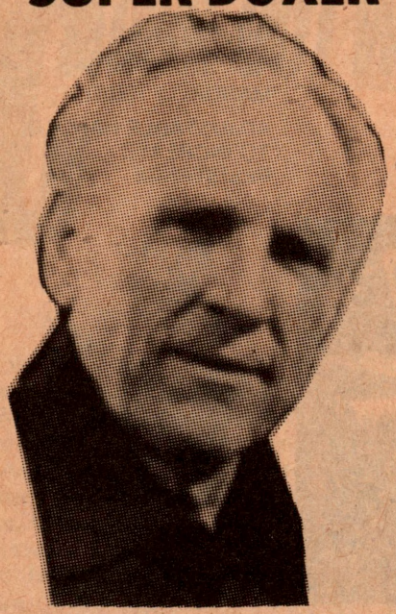

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"BUCKY" LOUIS
Nashville, Tn.

BLASTING THE "HIT MAN"

I THINK IT IS SO FUNNY AT HOW a fighter's image can change in the course of just one fight. Several months ago, *The Ring* was calling Tommy Hearns "The Motor City Cobra" rather than the "Hit Man," due to his rather lackadaisical approach to the sport. I mean, he trained extremely hard, but he didn't fight that way. Now, after a second-round blowout of Roberto Duran, a majority of the media—including *The Ring*—is singing praises of Hearns once again being the "Hit Man." Against a tired, shot Roberto Duran, Hearns certainly was the "Hit Man." Against a guy with a good chin and some desire, Hearns becomes the "Motor City Rabbit." One just has to look at his fights against Murray Sutherland, Ernie Singletary and Luigi Minchillo to see that.

I think that if Hearns ever becomes man enough to step into the ring against Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Hagler will chase him all around the ring, beating "The Rabbit" on an easy decision. However, don't expect Hearns to accept a match against Hagler very soon. He'd rather wait until Hagler's skills have totally eroded.

Keep your eyes on Hearns. One day—soon—he's going to be beaten soundly. Remember you heard it right here.

TONY GULOTTA
Corona, California

THE REAL THING

AFTER READING "THE EDUCATION of Mark Breland" (*The Ring*, August, '84), then watching him in six fights in the Olympics, I've come away with the feeling he indeed is going to be a future professional champion.

It's true he didn't look great, or even good, in two of those bouts. Yet, he won them all without much difficulty, and he did so under the greatest of pressure and against the best amateurs in the world. I don't want to hear about the Soviets and the Cubans not being in the Games. Breland has already easily disposed of the U.S.S.R.'s Serik Konikbaev and Cuba's Candelario Duvergel.

Breland's moves are quick and fluid, and his punches are fast and hard. Sure, he drops his hands at times, but only against opponents he believes present no real threat to him. Against a solid, world-class opponent, you'd see Breland sticking and moving, all the time keeping his hands high and picking off shots.

I predict that by the end of 1986, Breland is going to win the junior middleweight championship, then capture the middleweight crown in 1987.

WILLIAM LEE
Ocean City, N.J.

SOME HEAVYWEIGHT STRIPPING

I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THE WBA removed its heavyweight crown from the head of Gerrie Coetzee. It's been one year since he fought. I don't care what his excuse is. One year is one year. Anybody inactive that long doesn't deserve to be champion. The same applies to Larry Holmes. The last time he fought was in November. I doubt he has any more intention of fighting anybody with a heartbeat.

Holmes wants to surpass Rocky Marciano's splendid record of 49-0. He needs five more victories to do so. Unfortunately for Holmes, he'll only be tarnishing his image each time he steps in the ring against a bum from now on. The IBF should strip Holmes of their version of the title. In fact, I think *The Ring* should do the same to Holmes, as he is the only heavyweight you give credit to as being a champion.

It's this simple: If you don't fight, you're no champ. Let's see something done about it.

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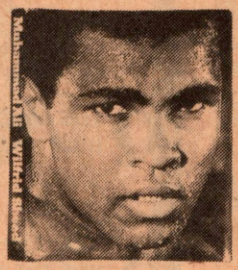

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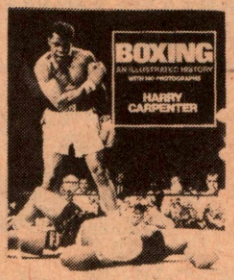

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—OSCAR PRINCE
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A Patterson's first pro bout, against Eddie Godbold on September 12, 1952, was held at St. Nicholas Arena in New York. Floyd stopped Eddie in the fourth.

Q When was the last fight scheduled for 25 rounds?

—HOWARD DINNING
Canton, Ohio

A August 27, 1941 in Washington, D.C. Bill Poland and Eddie Blunt were the participants, Poland stopping Blunt in the fourth session.

Q Did Primo Carnera ever referee a title fight?

—ALFRED POWELL
Jacksonville, Ill.

A No.

Q What were the scheduled distances of (1) the Dempsey-Willard bout, (2) Dempsey vs. Carpentier, (3) Dempsey-Firpo, (4) Dempsey-Sharkey?

—JOE EVANS
Iowa City, Iowa

A (1) 12 rounds, (2) 12, (3) 15, (4) 15. The Dempsey-Miske and Dempsey-Brennan title bouts were scheduled for 10 and 15 rounds, respectively.

Q Has any deaf-mute ever won a world title?

—JOHN REEVES
Altoona, Pa.

A Yes. Mario D'Agata, a deaf-mute, won the world bantamweight crown by stopping Robert Cohen in Rome, Italy on June 29, 1956.

Q When and where did Mike McTigue begin his professional boxing career?

—WALTER CONNOR
Boston, Mass.

A Hard to say. The earliest known fights for McTigue took place in New York in 1914. It is often said he fought before then, back exactly where, and against whom, remains a mystery to boxing scholars.

Q Who trained Max Baer for his bout with Schmeling?

—EDDIE GOLDBAUM
Bronx, New York

A The one and only Ray Arcel.

Q What was Benny Lynch's full name? When and where was he born?

—KEN DUNCAN
Amarillo, Texas

A Benjamin John Lynch. April 2, 1913, Clydesdale, Scotland.

Q Who was the first undefeated man to fight for the world heavyweight title and fail to win it?

—JOE FOOTE
Cicero, Ill.

A Bill Squires. He was kayoed in one round by Tommy Burns on July 4, 1907 and lost to Burns by knockout in two later title tries.

Q What is Jimmy Carter's full name? I mean the former lightweight champion, not the former U.S. president.

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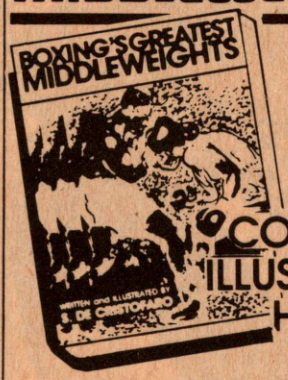

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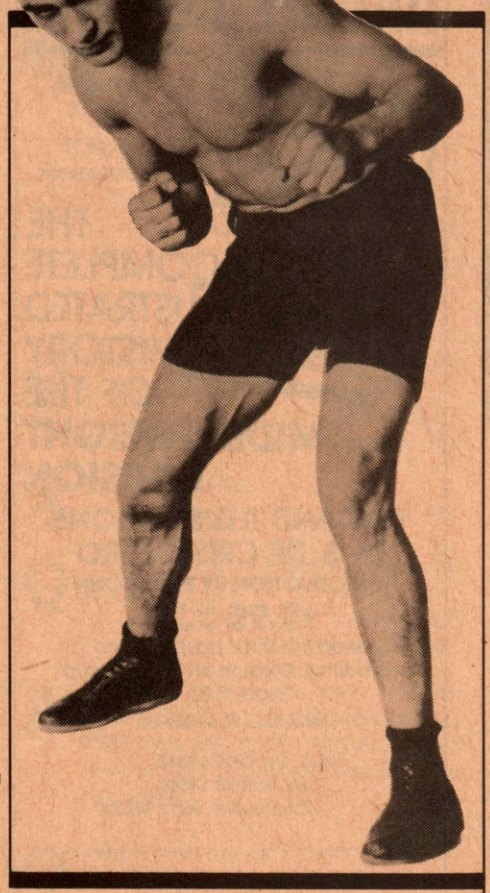

Paul Berlenbach, the "Astoria Assassin"

Berlenbach, The "Astoria Assasin"

By CHARLIE SPINA

ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE YEARS in the history of fistiana is 1925. Looking through the Ring Record Book, one sees where Paul Berlenbach, the "Astoria Assassin," crowned his achievements by dethroning Mike McTigue and winning the light heavyweight championship of the world.

In the space of three months, Berlenbach blasted the hopes of Jimmy Slattery, knocking him out in round 11, then made a successful entry into the heavyweight ranks, beating King Solomon to a pulp. On December 11, Berlenbach wound up a successful year by successfully defending his crown against Jack Delaney, decisioning him over 15 rounds. There were 22,000 cheering fans on hand for that fight, packed like sardines into the then-new Madison Square Garden, which was located on 49th Street and 8th Avenue. This fight celebrated the opening of Tex Rickard's big arena. It turned into one of the greatest fights seen in ring history. Under the management of Dan Hickey, Berlenbach amassed a tidy fortune. His "take" from the Delaney fight amounted to $54,000.

In 1925, seven world champions were dethroned and two other fighters were crowned as New York State titleholders. Later, they were recognized as titleholders by the National Boxing Association, which was later changed to the World Boxing Association. That year, several headliners were also knocked into obscurity, and three other ring greats passed away.

From December, 1924, until December, 1925, Eddie "Cannonball" Martin reigned as bantamweight champion, replacing Abe Goldstein. Martin then lost the crown to Charley "Phil" Rosenberg. On April 1, 1925, Mike Ballerino won the junior lightweight crown from Steve "Kid" Sullivan, then lost the crown via 10th-round knockout to Tod Morgan eight months later.

One of 1925's biggest upsets occurred in California. New York's Frankie Genaro brought his flyweight title to Los Angeles from New York, only to lose the crown to 19-year-old Fidel La Barba. Five nights after Genaro lost his title, Rocky Kansas fulfilled a 10-year ambition by punching his way to the top of the lightweight division, winning a 15-round decision over Jimmy Goodrich.

In 1925, featherweight boss Johnny Dundee retired, as he could no longer make the 126-pound weight limit. After a series of elimination bouts, Louis "Kid" Kaplan, of Meriden, Conn., stopped Danny Kramer in the ninth round to become the new king of the featherweights.

The three fighters who died in 1925 were Pancho Villa, Vincent "Pepper" Martin and Battling Siki. Villa, the flyweight champion, died on July 14, the result of an infected tooth which developed in his 10-round decision loss to Jimmy McLarnin on July 4. Martin died from pneumonia, while Siki was gunned down in cold blood.

In addition to Berlenbach, Sid Terris enjoyed a fine year during 1925. He twice whipped Basil Galiano, then performed the same double feat on Jack Bernstein and Lou Paluso. Jimmy Goodrich and Ace Hudkins were also beaten by him that year.

California sang praises for five of its young fighters in 1925. The five were: Jimmy McLarnin, Jackie Fields, Tod Morgan, Fidel LaBarba and Mushy Callahan. At 21, Callahan was a raging sensation. In the span of three weeks, he knocked out Paul Moran and battered Ace Hudkins to defeat. In stopping the tough Moran, he became the first man to do so.

Father Time played a hand in a few ring greats of that era hanging up their gloves at some point in 1925. The most notable of these men were: Tommy Gibbons, Ted "Kid" Lewis, Jeff Smith, Jack Britton, Charlie White, Pal Moran, Fred Fulton, Soldier Bartfield, Joe Lynch, Johnny Buff, Frankie Barbone, Joe Borrell, Charlie Beecher, Kid Morfolk, Floyd Johnson, Young Montreal, Terry Martin, Willie Davis, Dave Rosenberg, Bartley Madden, Joe Tiplitz and Danny Frush.

All this—and more—happened in 1925. It certainly was a year to remember.

From Eric Moolan, Editor of the "Neutral Corner," official organ of the South African UBA, comes word that two members, Johnny Holt and Laurie Stevens, were honored at the South Africa Boxing World King Korn award ceremony last April. Holt received the "Man of the Year" award for his services to boxing, which is 60 years as a boxer and trainer. A

merit award went to Stevens for his services to boxing. Congratulations to both.

The "Art of Not Getting Hit" was former light heavyweight champ Billy Conn's theory of boxing. Conn is still trim and in good health at age 67. He likes to joke about his first fight, a four-round decision loss in 1935, for which he was paid $2.50. He can also easily joke about his tactical error in electing to slug it out with Joe Louis during their heavyweight title bout on June 18, 1941. In that bout, Louis knocked out Conn with but 12 seconds remaining in the 13th round. Going into the round, Conn was ahead and on his way to becoming champion. At a banquet years later, Conn asked Louis in a joking manner, "Why didn't you let me win the title and hold it for a few months? You would've beaten me in the rematch to regain the crown." Louis replied, "I let you have the title for almost 13 rounds. You couldn't even hold it for six minutes!" Conn quit boxing at age 31 and purchased a home with $17,500 of his earnings. Today, that home is worth over $200,000. He has three sons who are college graduates. And until Joe Louis died in 1981, he and Louis remained the best of friends. That's boxing.

Anthony Fesce, who fought under the name of Tony Fisher, died at the age of 70 last August 8. Tony, who hailed from Newark, N.J., was a middleweight from 1930-1940. In 1938, he was defeated by middleweight champ Babe Risko in a title fight. Tony also tangled with Ken Overlin, Freddie Steele, Al Hostak, Eric Seelig, Young Terry and Paul Pirrone. In the 1940's, he served as Mae West's bodyguard. Rest in peace.

Rocky Castellani, a former middleweight contender from the 1950's, is a member of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission. He serves them in the capacity of a boxing judge.

Baby Manuel, a resident of Philadelphia by way of Tampa, Fla., was recently on the sick list, but we are pleased to report he is feeling much better. Manuel boxed Henry Armstrong three times, as well as many other of the top fighters of his day.

Kenny Lane was seen recently at the Sands Hotel in Atlantic City. He is looking to get approval on his taking out a boxer's license. He last fought in July, 1982, beating Bobby Plegge on an eight-round decision. Prior to that fight, Lane had last fought in 1965. You see, Lane is 52½. He began his career in 1953, and in the next 12 years, was a leading lightweight contender. His overall record reads 78 victories, 15 losses and two draws. He stopped 16 opponents. Now a junior welterweight, Lane is facing his toughest opponent—the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.

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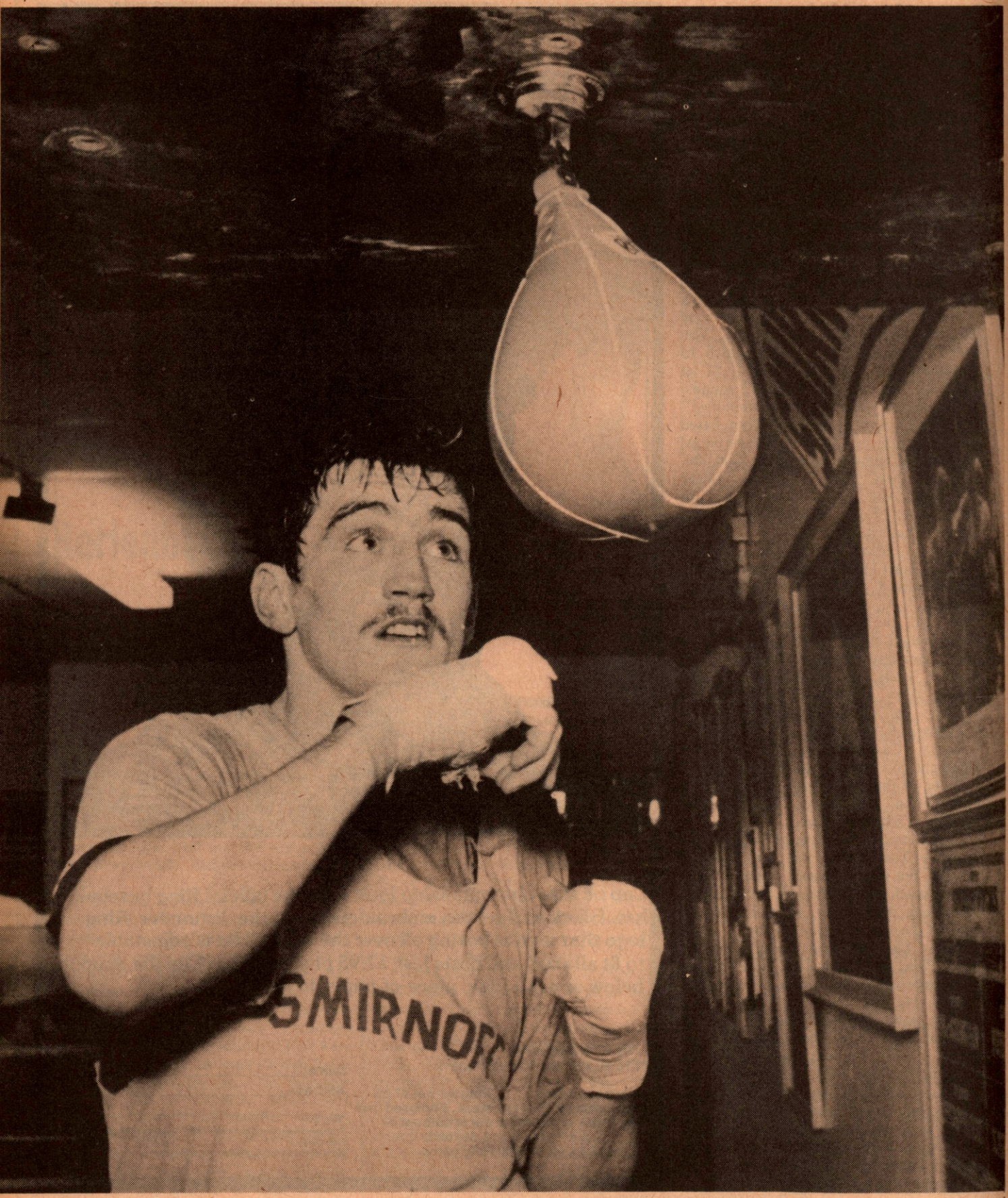
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BARRY McGUIGAN KEEPS THOSE IRISH EYES SMILING

HE'S NOTHING LESS THAN THE WORLD'S MOST EXCITING FEATHERWEIGHT

BY GEORGE KIMBALL

"THEY HAVE A SAYING IN BELFAST these days," says Barry McGuigan: " 'Leave the fightin' to McGuigan.' "

And on the nights 'Young Barry' displays his wares at Belfast's King's Hall they generally do. Diehard Unionists from the city's hard-line Shankill Road district sit side-by-side with fervent Republicans from the South cheering McGuigan with a single-minded devotion. In a country where people can sit inside a pub and argue about whether it is raining outside or not (those espousing the former position would usually be right) there is unanimity on at least one subject. Over the length and breadth of the frequently strife-torn island I have yet to meet a man who had one bad word to say about the 23 year-old featherweight.

An American-born country-and-western singer called 'Big Tom' has a hit single on the Irish charts: "*Barry McGuigan, The Clones Cyclone.*" (People dance to it.) And on fight nights, the spectre of McGuigan even entering the ring at King's Hall sets off a din that would frighten a banshee. When McGuigan met American Paul DeVorce there earlier this summer in a bout televised back to the States, CBS' Gil Glancy stood in the center of the uproar that greeted McGuigan's entrance and, looking a bit like General Custer just before the *denouement*, gravely but nervously intoned "I've *never* heard anything like this. And I'll tell you something else: Paul DeVorce has never heard anything like this either."

"The support for me there is really tremendous," concedes McGuigan of his home-court advantage. "I realize that a good fighter should be able to fight anywhere, but if it were left to me I'd rather fight nowhere else."

In the Belfast building the ancient animosities are laid to rest, and those representing both sides of the Irish question close ranks behind him, each thinking of him as their own. And, in a very real sense, they are both correct.

Although McGuigan has lately been fighting exclusively out of Belfast, he is a native-born son of Clones, in the Irish Republic, where he still lives. Clones is in County Monoghan, "Bandit Country," in the parlance of the local constabulary. Monoghan is one of three counties in the province of Ulster that remained within the Republic when the country was partitioned over sixty years ago, and is today a base for frequent IRA incursions over the border to the British-ruled North.

At the same time, since both his grandparents and father Pat were born in County Tyrone, Barry can claim Northern Irish—and, hence, British—nationality. At various times in his boxing career he has represented all three entities.

He took up the sport at 12, and within two years was training so earnestly that he abandoned earlier plans to become a teacher, opting instead to box full-time. "Because of the nature of my mother's business (Mrs. McGuigan is a greengrocer in Clones; Pat is a member of a traditional Irish band called "The Big Four" which is frequently on tour) I could work and still train three times a day. I've been training as a professional, you might say, since I was 14 years of age."

He won the all-Ireland bantamweight junior title at 15, and a year later captured the national junior *and* senior crowns. The same year, representing Northern Ireland, he was the youngest gold medal-winner at the Edmonton Commonwealth Games. In the 1980 Olympics he fought for Ireland, but was eliminated in the quarterfinals. ("I'd broken a rib and couldn't spar. I was just too stale. It was very disappointing. I made a fool of myself in the quarters and was beaten by an African who in turn lost to the eventual gold medalist in Moscow.")

Turning professional shortly thereafter, McGuigan took advantage of his dual citizenship and obtained a British passport in November of 1982. Five months later he

A jubilant McGuigan is greeted by his fans after another victory.

won the British featherweight title, knocking out Vernon Pemprose in two rounds at Belfast's Ulster Hall, and three fights after that he captured the European crown by KOing Italy's Valerio Nati in six.

His 21-1 record (with 20 knockouts) has gotten him to the #5 spot on the WBC list of contenders, while the WBA ranks him seventh. (*The Ring* currently rates him fourth.) At 5'7"-plus, McGuigan is big, almost *strapping* for a featherweight, with his 40-inch chest and 70-inch reach, but insists that he has no problem with the 126-pound (9 stone) weight. WBA champ Eusebio Pedroza, McGuigan points out, is 5'10".'' **[ED. NOTE: Pedroza is 5'9"]**

He has studied films of both Pedroza and WBC feather king Wilfredo Gomez (Barry collects fight films with the same fervor he bestows on his other passion; he is a connoiseur of fine teas), and is looking for a meeting with one or the other (''whichever title is available,'' he shrugs) within his next two fights. ''Please God,'' he adds hopefully.

He had hoped that his next step would be a challenge to Azumah Nelson for the Commonwealth title, but that move was sidetracked when Nelson opted for a WBC title shot with Gomez. At the moment, manager Barry Eastwood is arranging a defense of either the British or the European crown for McGuigan in Belfast.

His impressive knockout record had earned him considerable attention on this side of the Atlantic (his lone live appearance in America was a relatively well-kept secret; he knocked out a Lovan McGowan in one round on a Cedric Kushner/Mickey Duff card at Chicago's Da Vinci Manor before a crowd McGuigan estimates to have been at least 150), but since it had been largely accomplished at the expense of European suspects some skepticism remained. That was ended in April of this year when McGuigan mixed it up with the veteran Jose Caba and came away with a one-sided seventh-round TKO. Caba had fought the best, and the only man who had stopped him prior to McGuigan had been the redoubtable Danny (Little Red) Lopez. (''And,'' fight buff McGuigan points out proudly, ''Caba had Lopez all over the place early in that one.'')

The win over Caba set the stage for the DeVorce bout and McGuigan's American television debut. Although he won with a 5th-round TKO, the reaction here was decidedly mixed. McGuigan had the fight well in hand, but DeVorce had mounted his own best attack in the fourth, which made it all the more startling when British referee Sid Nathan abruptly waded in and stopped the bout a round later. As the King's Hall crowd collapsed about the ring in a frenzied bedlam, Clancy, aghast, nearly choked on his microphone. The premature conclusion at the same time caused some to

wonder how many of McGuigan's *non*-CBS knockouts might have been similarly rendered.

"I think the referee done me a major injustice by stopping that one," says Barry. "I'd have ended it myself if he'd given he half a minute more, because he was really badly hurt. He (DeVorce) told me later that his whole right side was broken up with the body shots I'd been giving him."

The other criticism of the fight stemmed from the fact that McGuigan appeared to get hit a good deal more than would have seemed prudent. And while a Paul DeVorce couldn't hurt him, given the same opportunities, a Wilfredo Gomez, Pedroza or even a Juan LaPorte surely wouldn't allow McGuigan to escape so easily.

"I *did* get hit more than usual," concedes McGuigan, "but that was because I was makin' all the fightin'. I firmly believe in appling different tactics to each opponent, and DeVorce is a cute sort of fighter. I was doing all the pressing, and it's very difficult *not* to get hit. I wouldn't fight Gomez or Pedroza that way. In fact, I didn't fight Caba that way. He commits himself and takes chances, so I just got on me bicycle and it paid off. I nearly had him out when they stopped it in the seventh round."

He rated Caba his own best fight to date, and the Zambian Charm Chituli his most difficult, but he cannot erase the memory of a bout in London two-and-a-half years ago—"and I won't, as long as I live." Like Ray Mancini and Lupe Pintor and Emile Griffith, Barry McGuigan is haunted by the awesome recollection of having killed a man in the ring.

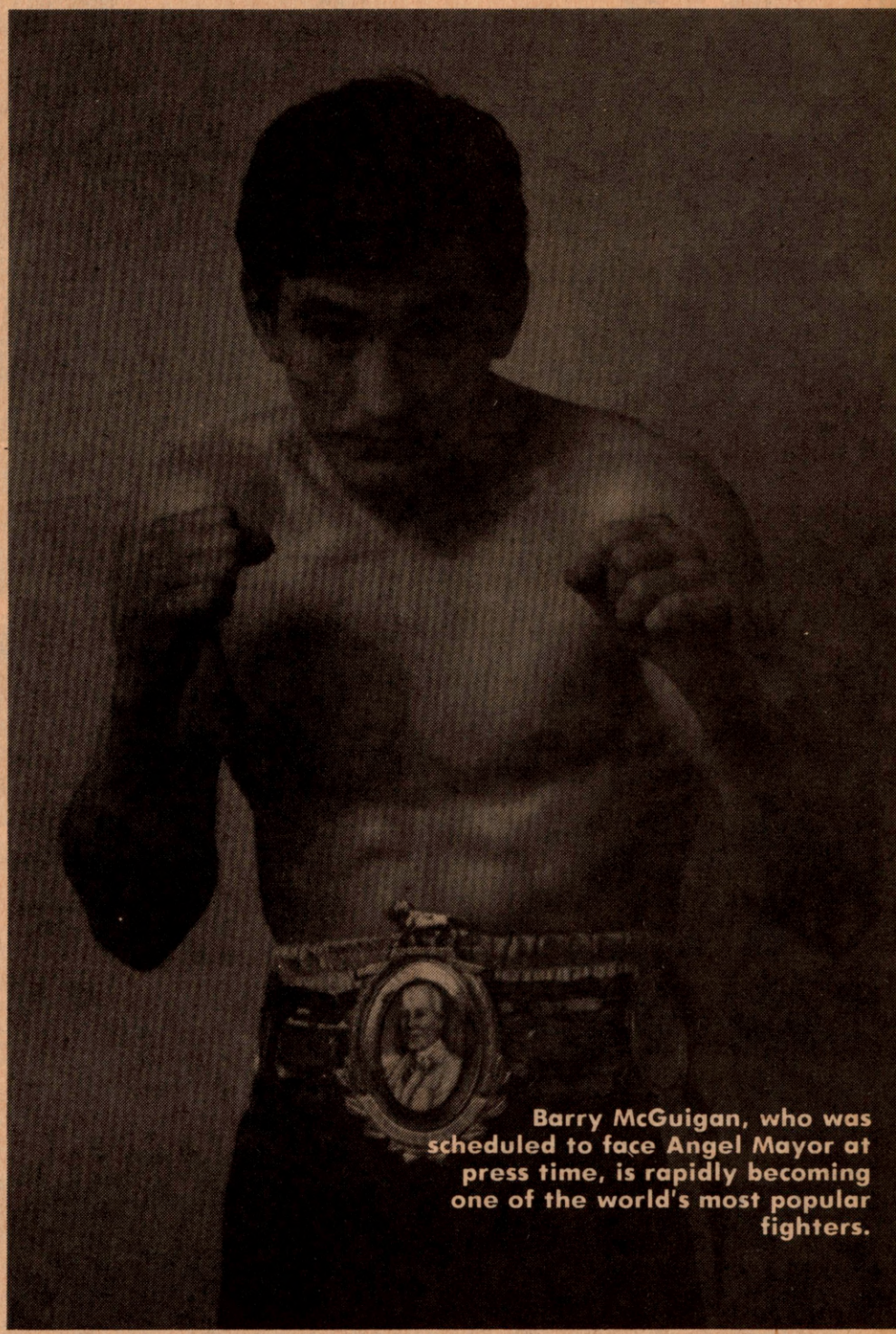
On the 15th of June in 1982, McGuigan was matched with a Nigerian named Mohammed Aleemy, who fought under the *nom de guerre* of Young Ali. In their bout at the World Sporting Club, recalls Barry, "he was very lively and in the fight for the first two rounds, but then I started to slow him down with body shots. When he came out in the fifth I took a bit of a rest, still protecting meyself, of course, and then in the sixth round I caught him in a corner and threw a hard right over the top. I hit him right between the eyes and he just fell there."

Young Ali never got up. He went into a coma, in which he lingered until he died the following December without ever regaining consciousness. McGuigan was so shaken by the experience that he nearly abandoned the sport he holds so dear.

"It was all so sad." Tears well up in his eyes at the memory. "He was only a young lad, 21 years of age like myself, and he'd left a pregnant wife in Nigeria to come to London and earn money for his family. My own wife was pregnant by the time he died. To happen so far away from home, and he never even got to see his child."

Barry's wife Sandra gave birth to his son Bain in August of 1983. It was only after considerable soul-searching and consultation with Sandra and with his priest that he returned to boxing. I always pray for him, and I'll never forget him. I'm fighting for him as well as myself now."

And, of course, for Ireland. McGuigan recognizes—and welcomes—the fact that he has become a symbol of hope for Irishmen on both sides of the border. He is a catholoc from the South (Sandra is a Protestant) and still the darling of Protestant Belfast. "We're well accepted in both communities," says McGuigan. "I firmly believe that 90% of the people on both sides want only peace, and that's what I'm fighting for, too. There's never been a time like this before. If they'd only leave the fightin' to McGuigan."



Barry McGuigan, who was scheduled to face Angel Mayor at press time, is rapidly becoming one of the world's most popular fighters.

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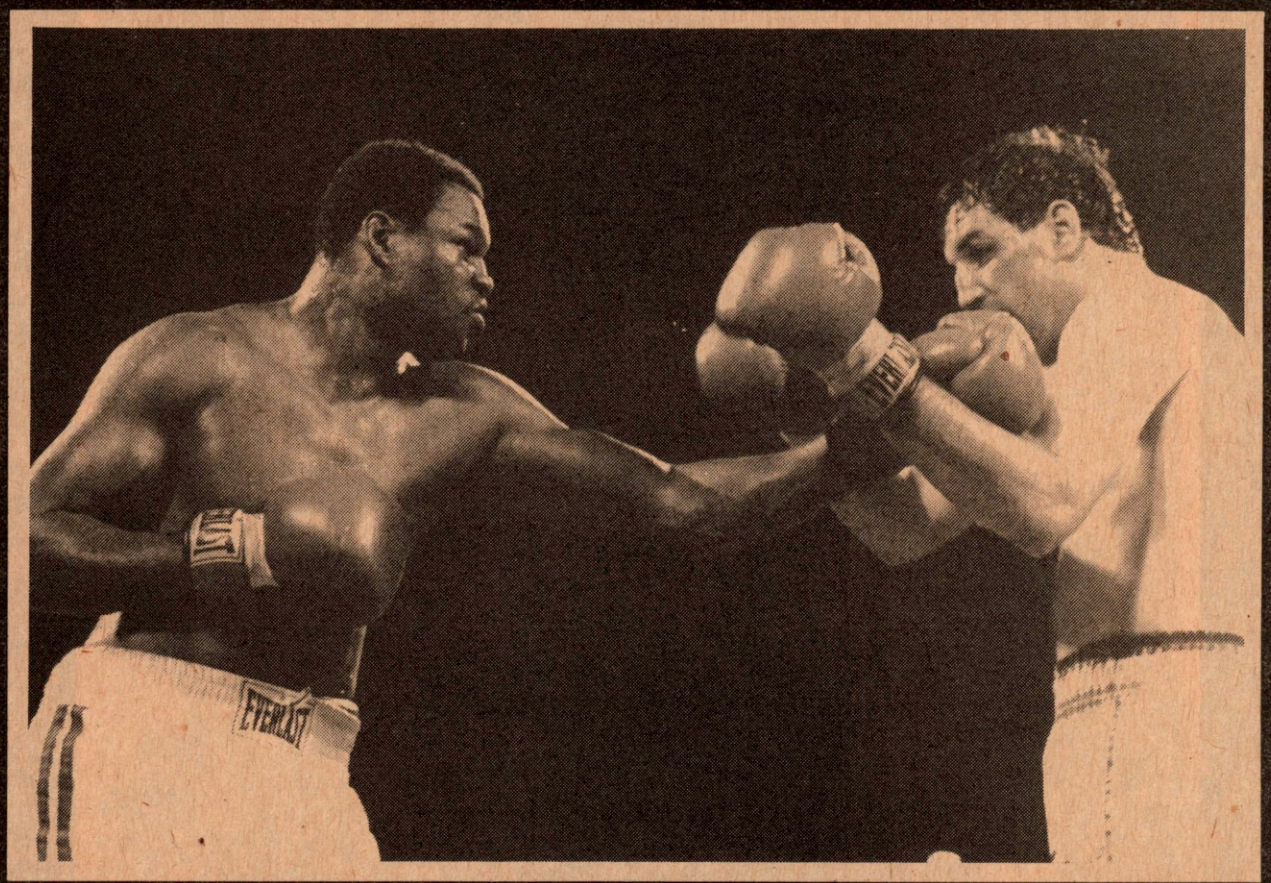

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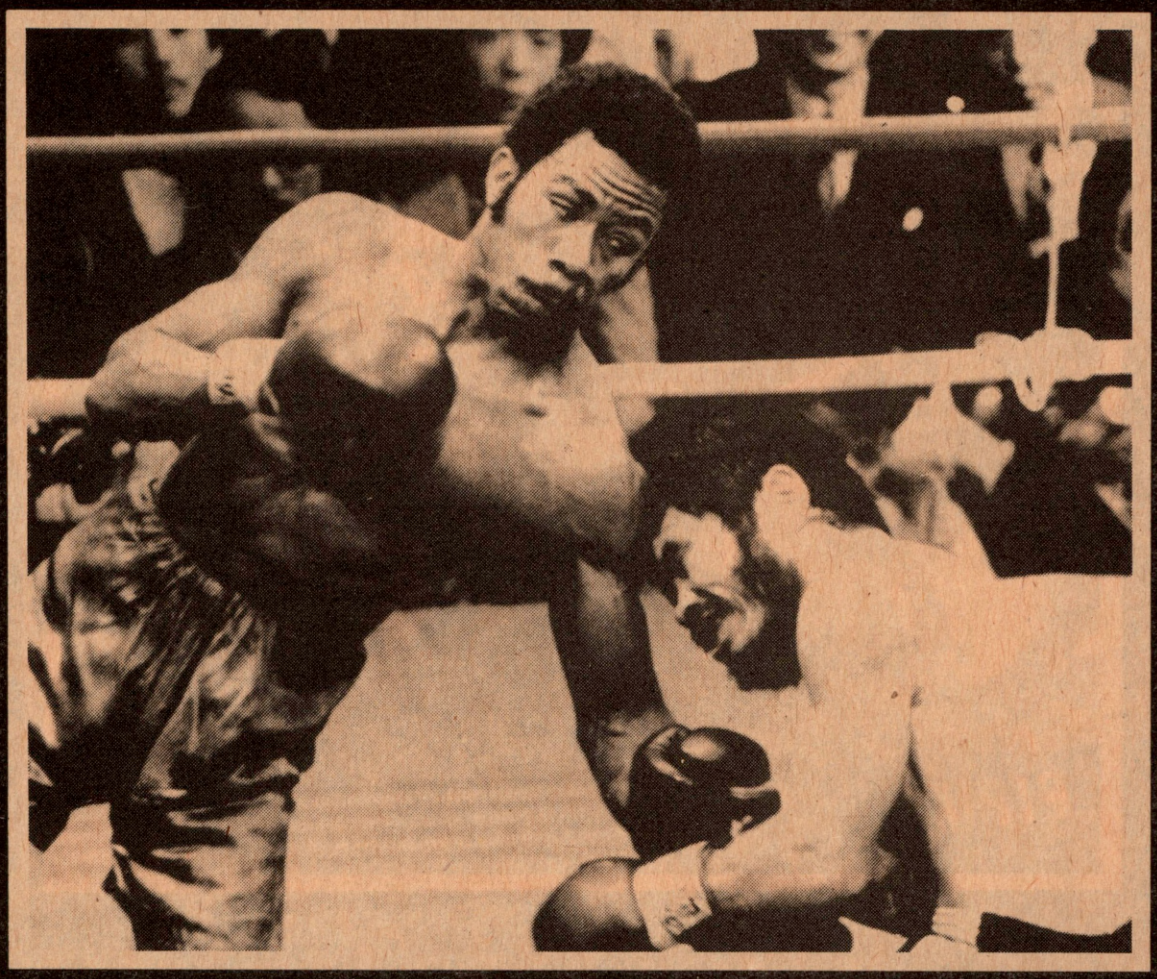

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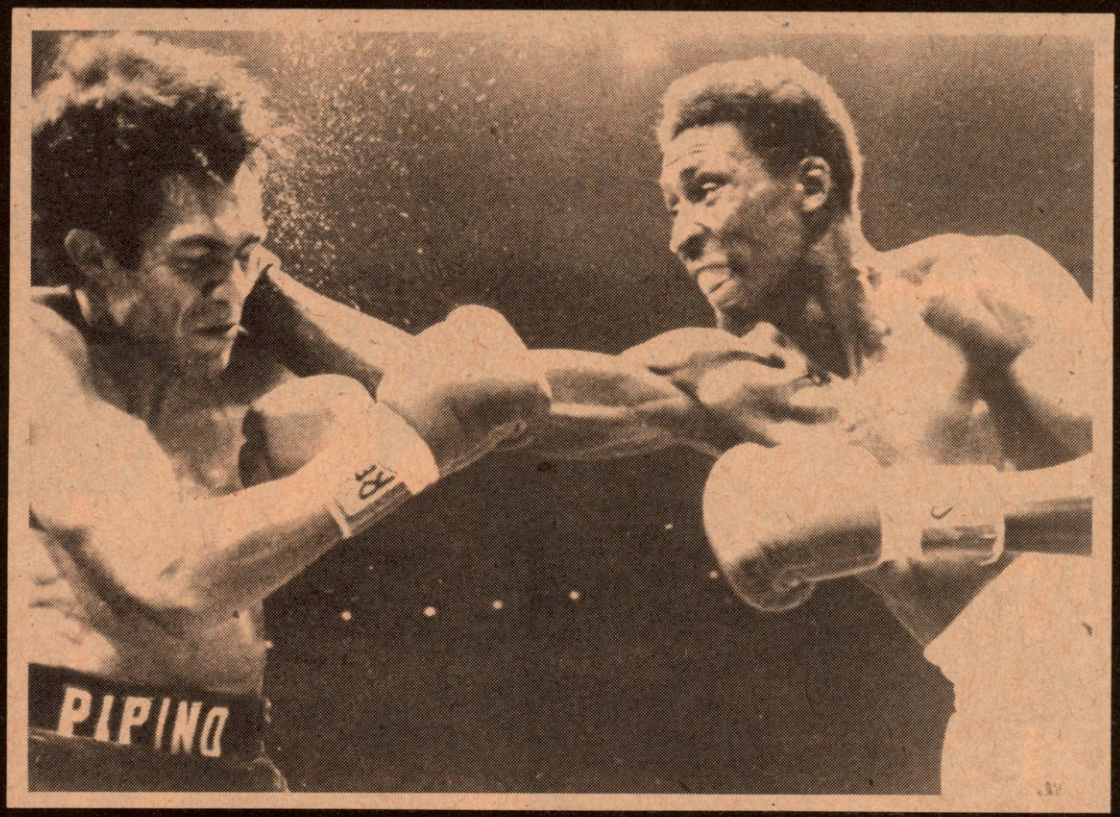

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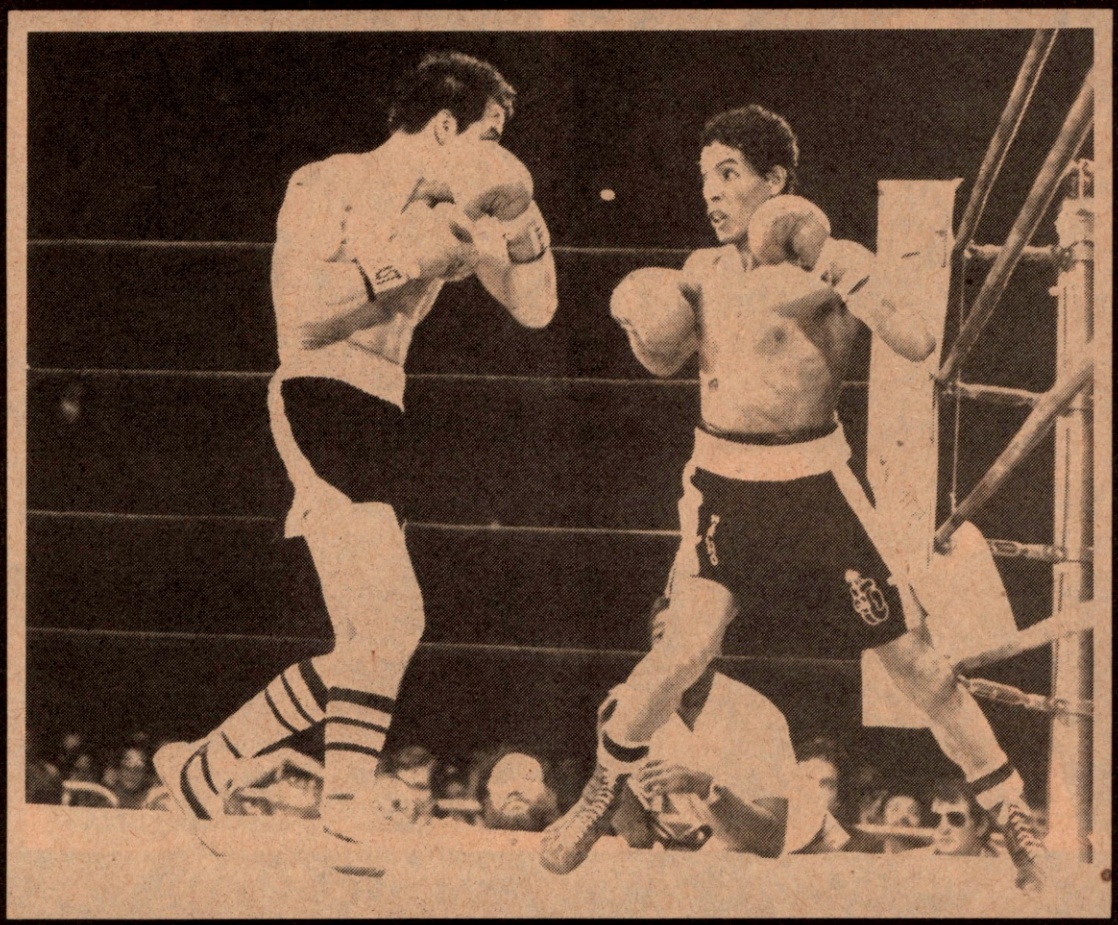

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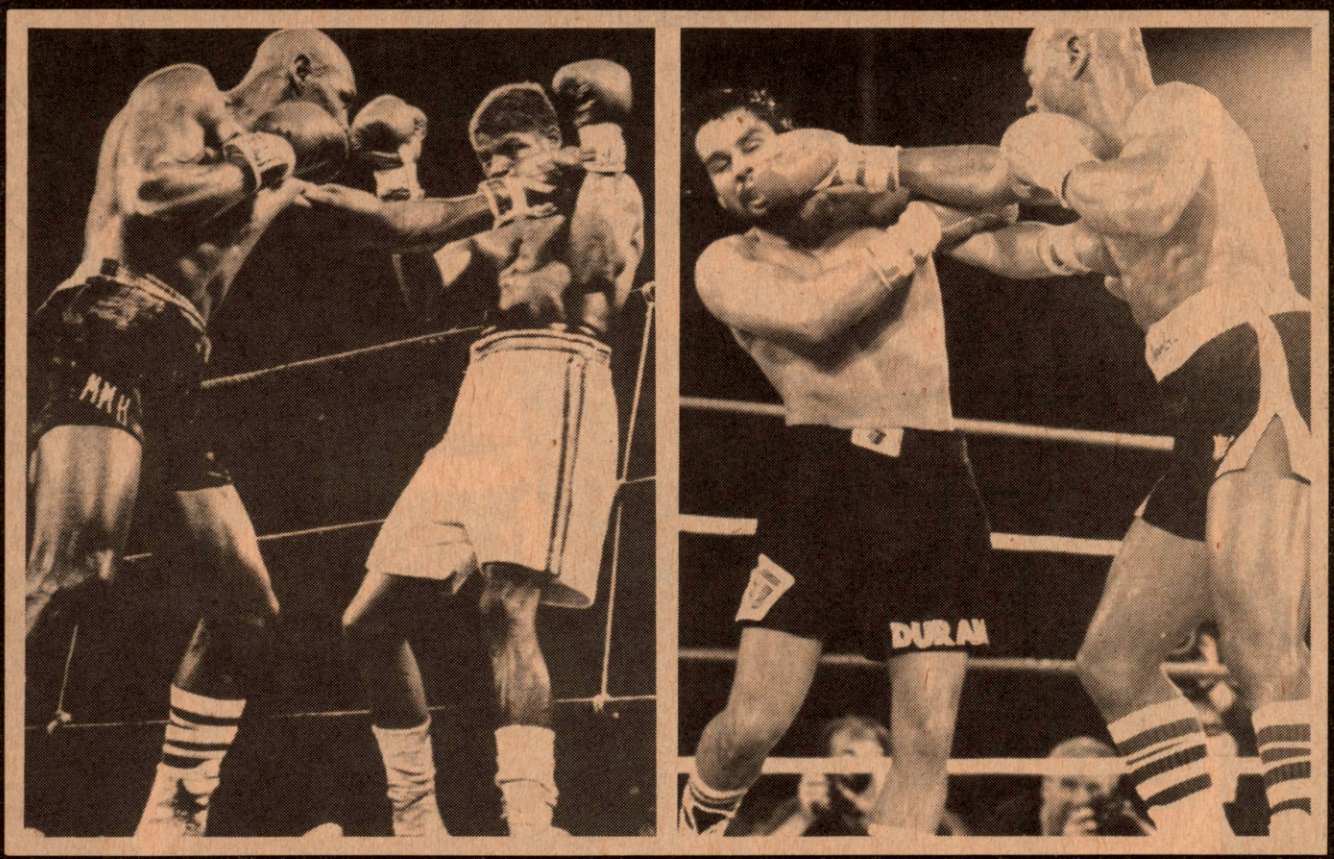

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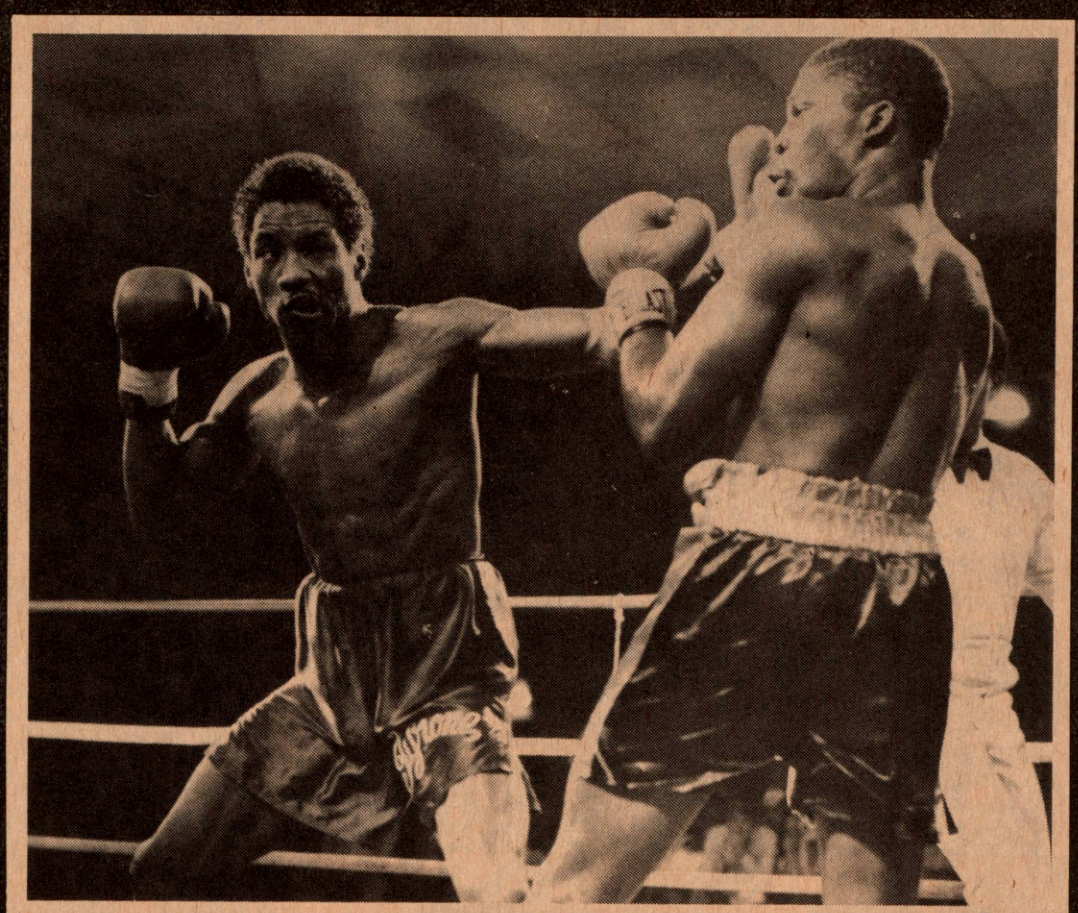

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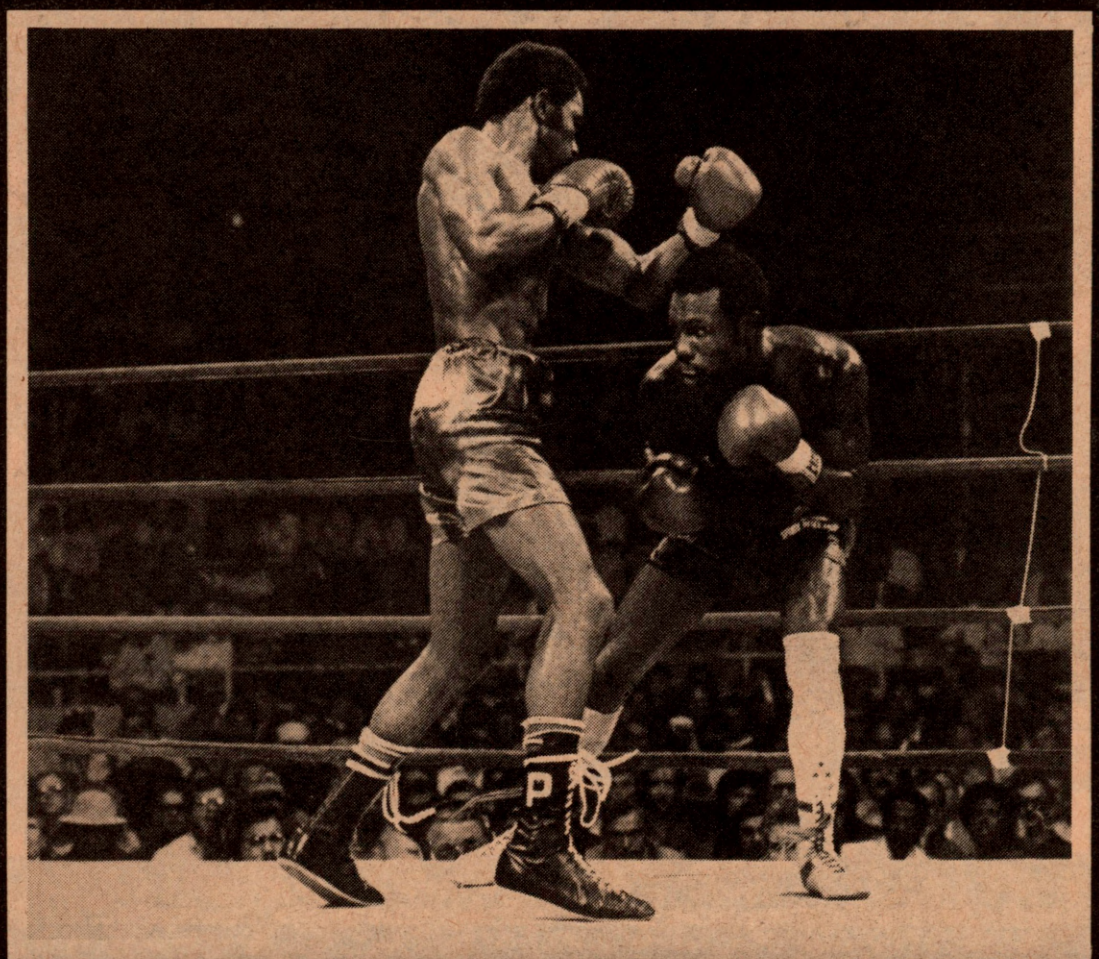

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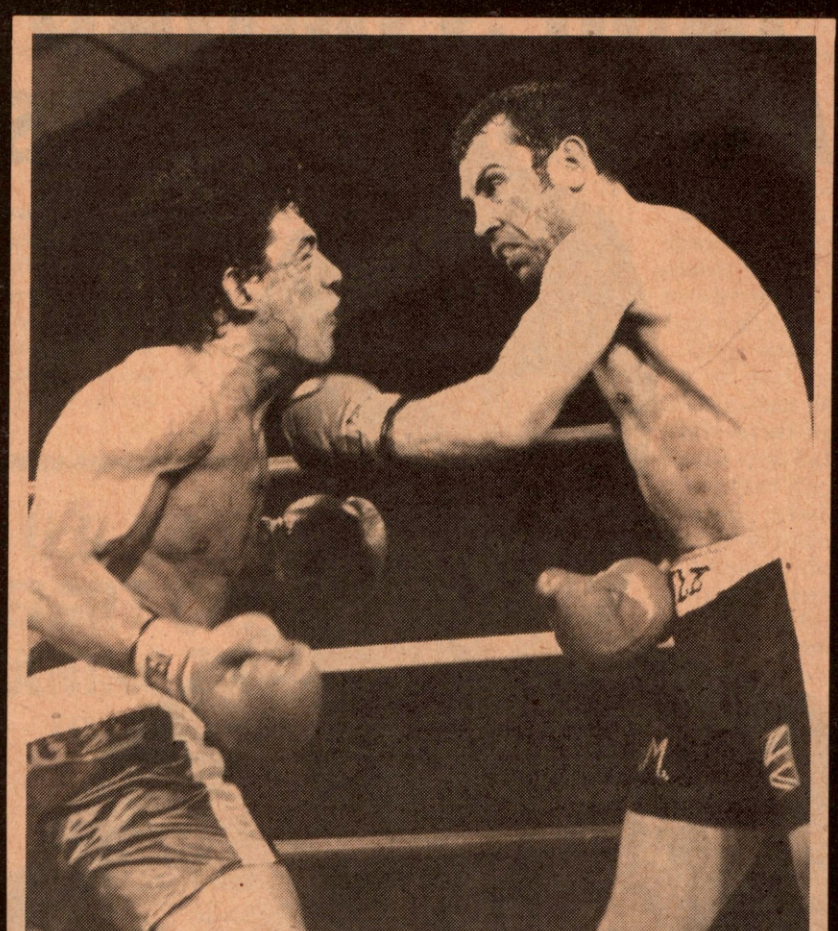

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Mark Medal
John Mugabi
Aaron Pryor
Jose Luis Ramirez
Michael Spinks
Pinklon Thomas
Tim Witherspoon

NEW NABF HEAVYWEIGHT KING
JAMES BROAD
WANTS WORLD TITLE SHOT

JAMES BROAD, WHOSE PERENNIAL OUT-of-shape appearance has prompted more than a few nasty comments as well as legitimate questions about his ring resolve, garnered the biggest victory of his three-year-old pro career when he TKO'd the previously unbeaten Eddie Gregg in the eighth round in Madison Square Garden to capture the vacant NABF heavyweight championship. It was a fight that Broad was supposed to win, but he did it his way, coming in at what most observers thought was an obese 246 pounds.

Gregg, who played football in college and once tried out for the New York Jets, commented before the fight that if Broad were a football player his coach would fine him for weighing as much as he did. But in the end it was the 212-pound Gregg who was left gasping and defenseless, forcing referee Tony Perez to pull Broad off 48 seconds into the eighth round.

THE 1980 U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP BRINGS NEW MEANING TO THE WORD "HEAVY"

BY BEN SHARAV

Broad, his co-managers Stan Hoffman and Robert Mittleman and his trainer Eddie Futch felt vindicated by the victory and afterward a combative "Broadaxe" declared that he would follow the path of his predecessor to the NABF throne, Tim Witherspoon, and parlay that title into a world crown.

Broad and Hoffman are well aware that James won't get anywhere near a title shot until they sign a long-term deal with Don King, who has nailed down all of the top heavyweights. And King hardly needs Broad now. James has a way to go and pounds to shed before he can become a truly marketable fighter. But working in Broad's favor is that at 24 years old, he is among the youngest of the world's rated heavyweights.

The first time most boxing fans ever heard of James Broad was in the summer of 1980. The top-rated amateur heavyweight in this country until then was a Philadelphian named Marvis Frazier, who was getting a good bit of media coverage, partly for his achievements but also because he happened to be the son of Smokin' Joe Frazier.

The story that Marvis was expected to live out had the son following in his famous dad's footstepts, winning first an Olympic gold medal and finally the Heavyweight Championship of the World—a case of what might be termed *Freja vu*.

The United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics that year at President Jimmy Carter's urging, scuttling the chances of any Americans to win gold medals. But the U.S. Olympic Trials went on as scheduled and it was there that Marvis Frazier ran into James Broad. The run-in did not last long. Broad seized the first opening and blasted through with a right hand to Frazier's forehead. Marvis' head snapped back from the impact and he hit the floor, unconscious.

The one-punch knockout made Broad the country's number 1 amateur heavyweight and gave him an instant reputation. The Wildwood, N.J. fighter turned pro in 1981 and reeled off a dozen consecutive victories against mostly journeymen and stiffs before he was once again paired with Marvis Frazier in April of last year in a pro rematch of their amateur bout.

Broad was expected to duplicate the demolition job that he had done on Frazier in '80. Marvis, at 198¼ pounds was dwarfed by Broad, who came in at what for him was a svelte 228¼. But Marvis was heavily charged up by Joe Frazier, who urged him to "take back your name" from Broad. Marvis maintained his composure, fought intelligently, peppering the bigger man with punches throughout and withstanding the bombs that James did land. Marvis won what most observers felt was a well-earned unanimous decision but Broad has never accepted that result. "It was a rip-off," Broad declares.

Marvis Frazier went on to a world title fight half a year after that win and got knocked out in the first round by Larry Holmes. And Broad chugged on, winning forgettable bouts against Leroy Diggs, Larry Alexander, looking fat and bored all the while.

Broad's trainer at the time, Jose Correa, found him impossible to work with and in '84 Correa was replaced by Eddie Futch. If anyone could discipline Broad, it was felt that Futch, who had trained Joe Frazier, Ken Norton and Larry Holmes, was the man to do it.

After nearly half a year of inactivity, Broad returned to the ring in May and knocked out Franco Thomas in the third round in Atlantic City. But the time had come for Broad to fight a live opponent again and he and Hoffman jumped at the chance when Madison Square Garden matchmaker Harold Weston proposed the fight with Gregg for June.

Gregg was a Felt Forum regular and his list of past opponents was even more anemic than Broad's. The critical New York writers were never highly impressed by the local fighter, so it came as no surprise when the week that the fight was originally scheduled for, Gregg pulled out because of a punctured eardrum.

Although the Athletic Commission's assigned physician attested to the legitimacy of Gregg's injury, the New York boxing community remained dubious. Betting on lesser fights than world title matches is not very big now, but when the Garden announced the rescheduled date for the Broad-Gregg fight it prompted some action. Not on who would win the fight, but whether or not Gregg would show up.

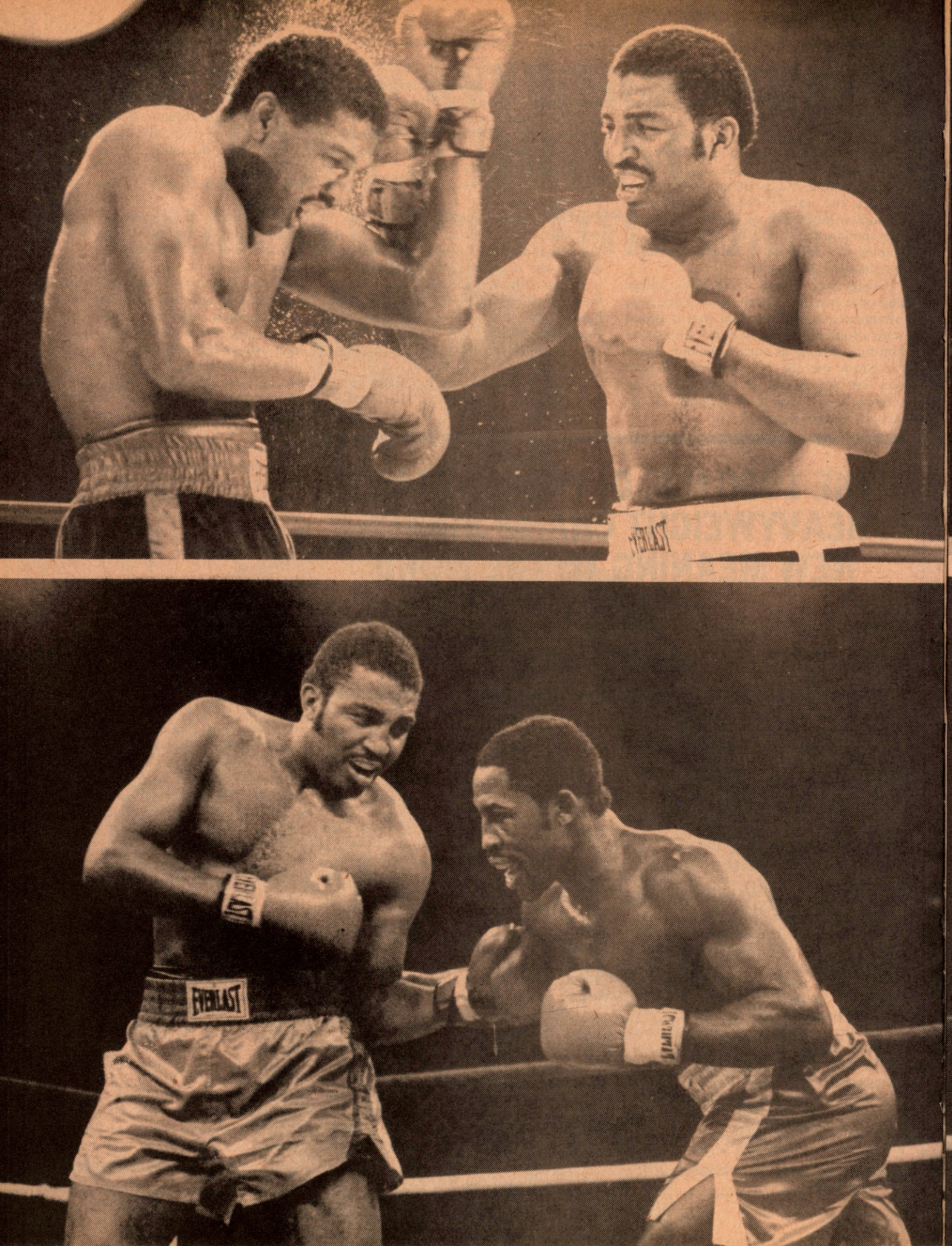
Garden matchmaker Harold Weston spent hours on the telephone with the NABF in Texas, in an effort to persuade the organization, whose title had been vacant since Tim Witherspoon beat Greg Page for the WBC belt, to sanction the Broad-Gregg fight as a North American championship fight. NABF chairman Bob Busse was persuaded, and what had originally been planned as a 10-rounder was upgraded to a 12-round NABF title bout.

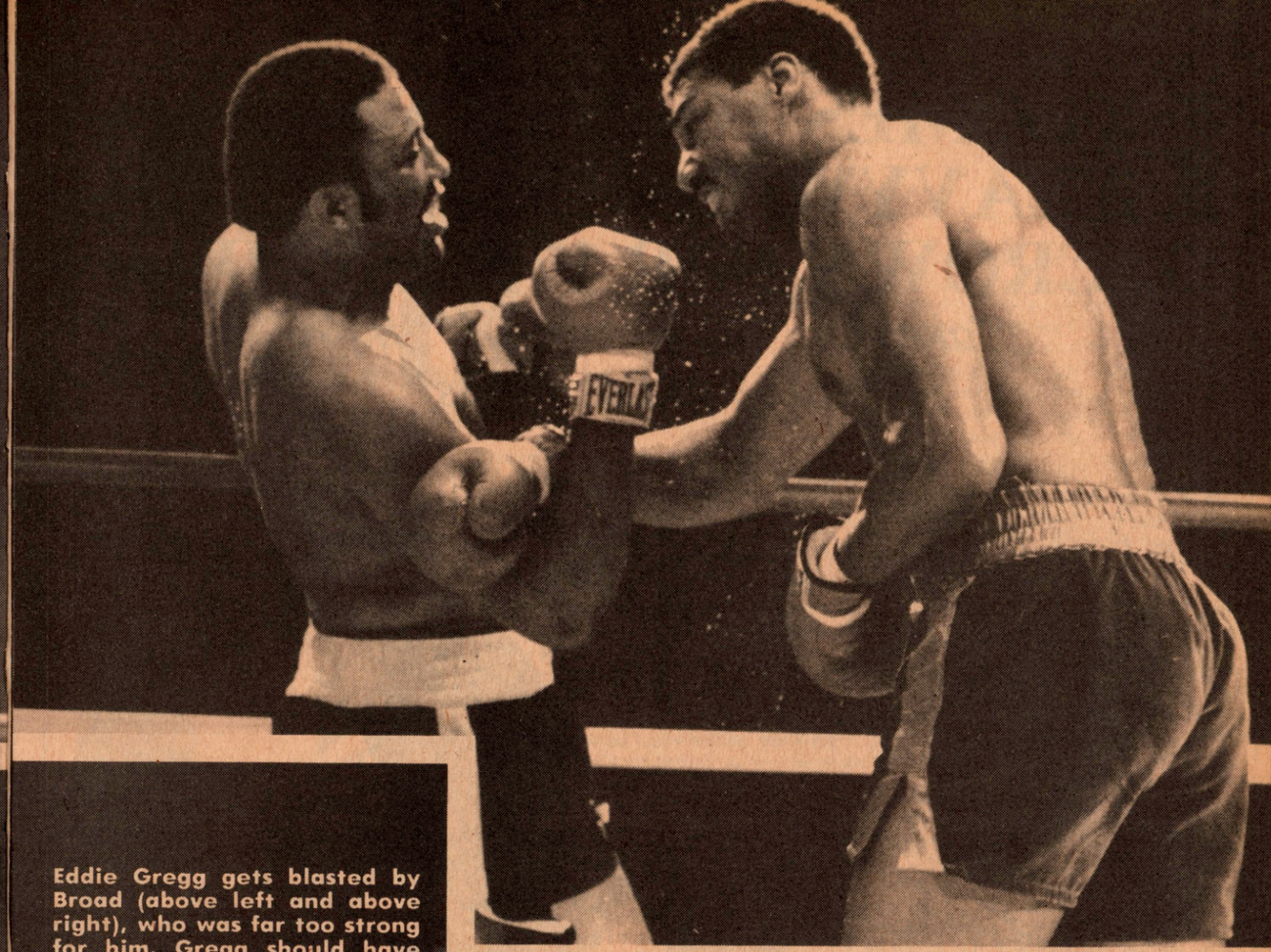
The change resulted in a minor upscaling of the fighters' sub-$10,000 purses, but Stan Hoffman said, "We weren't going to argue about a thousand dollars. The chance to win a title made it worth it."

Under the watchful eyes of Eddie Futch, Broad sparred with Gary Lightbourne, Dave Shuler, Leon Taylor, Glen Thomas and Oscar Holman and the old trainer pronounced him fit.

Others disagreed when Broad weighed in.

"Weight is unimportant for a heavyweight," Futch argued unpersuasively. "I worked with a guy named Big Boy Brown in the '40s. He weighed 248 pounds. I worked him down to 232—he couldn't lick his mama."





Eddie Gregg gets blasted by Broad (above left and above right), who was far too strong for him. Gregg should have learned how to beat Broad by watching Marvis Frazier outpoint him in April, 1983 (left).

"Broad's a big heavyweight. He trains to get in shape, not to make weight."

And Broad argued, "Weight to me is just a number on a scale. It won't be a factor as far as I'm concerned."

But the scale does not lie, and the Broad-Gregg fight was characterized by slowness of action throughout. Broad won almost all the rounds because his hands seemed a bit faster and Gregg allowed himself to get into a leaning contest with the big man. Gregg, a college graduate, had apparently learned nothing from watching Marvis Frazier's demonstration of how to beat James Broad. But even if he had learned, Gregg probably would not have been able to put it into effect. Marvis Frazier had been in superb fighting condition when he fought Broad. Gregg was not.

Broad had landed most of the sharper punches when, in the seventh round, he decided to employ a strategy that is often effective when neither fighter is in shape. He took the entire round off. Gregg unloaded on Broad in one corner, and when Broad moved away from there, Eddie shoved him into the other corner and beat on him some more. Gregg's punches had lost their power so Broad had no trouble withstanding the assault. But the assault left Gregg exhausted and Broad pounced on him immediately in round eight. A good right hand shook Gregg up and he fell into the ropes. Broad continued punching until Tony Perez stepped in with just 48 seconds elapsed in the round.

Afterwards, Broad denied he was tired.

"Why do you guys only see the bad things in my fights?" he asked reporters. "I didn't go to the ropes because I had to. I went there because I wanted to. I could feel him winding down and wanted to let him punch himself out. I was in real fine shape, no matter what anybody says. Believe me, Eddie worked me hard."

Futch, standing next to Broad, nodded in agreement. He then added that he thought Broad's performance deserved a grade of A-. Apparently, the phenomenon of grade inflation has struck the venerable Professor Futch. Based on that scale, Broad will need at least an A+++ to win the world title.

HOLMES TO DEFEND HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN FOR 17TH TIME

Takes On "Bonecrusher" Smith Nov. 9 in Las Vegas

LARRY HOLMES WILL DEFEND his heavyweight championship against James "Bonecrusher" Smith, The Ring's ninth-rated heavyweight, on November 9 in Las Vegas. It will be the first fight for Holmes since last November 25, when he halted Marvis Frazier in 2:57 of the opening round.

The unbeaten Holmes, who will celebrate his 35th birthday on November 3, will be looking for his 46th victory and 33rd knockout against the hard-punching Smith, whose last fight was a 10-round knockout of previously unbeaten Frank Bruno in London on May 13.

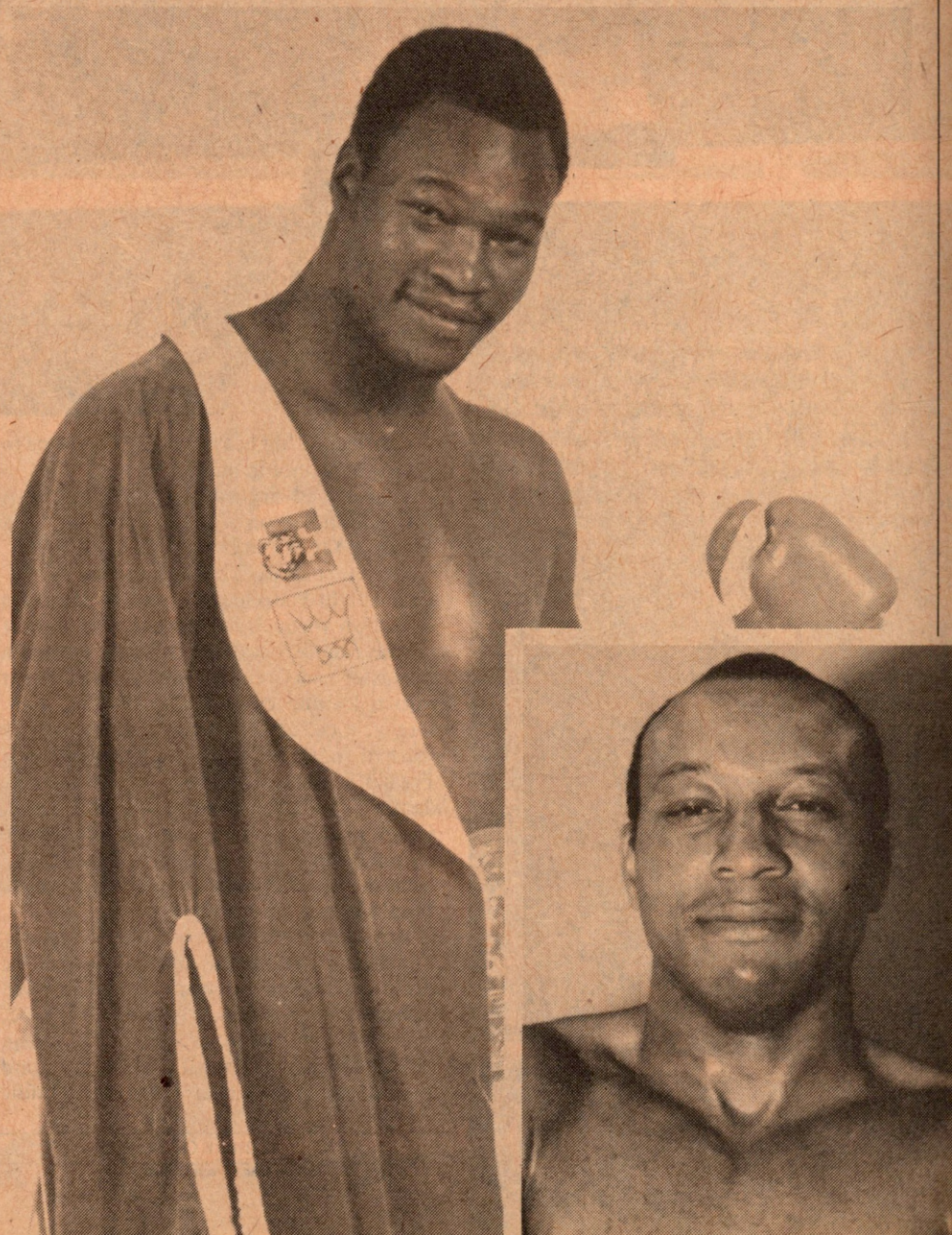
Smith, whose 14-1 record includes 10 consecutive knockouts victories and 12 knockouts overall, is, at 6'4", as tall as the champion and at 230 pounds, approximately 10 pounds heavier than him.

Holmes, who won the WBC title on June 9, 1978, with a 15-round decision against Ken Norton, relinquished the crown in December, 1983, saying he was tired of being told when to fight and against whom. The newly-created International Boxing Federation (IBF) then handed their version of the championship to him. Now, after nearly one year of inactivity (in 1984 he has twice had scheduled bouts against WBA champion Gerrie Coetzee fall apart as well as one against John Tate), Homes is set to make his first defense of the IBF crown. Under IBF rules, the bout is scheduled for 15 rounds. The last time Holmes was forced to go the distance was on May 20, 1983, winning a 12-round split-decision over Tim Witherspoon under WBC rules. The last time he traveled the 15-round route was on November 26, 1982, when he unanimously outpointed Randall (Tex) Cobb.

The champion has openly admitted that he now intends to try and break Rocky Marciano's record of having won 49 consecutive bouts without a loss. That means Holmes needs five more victories to do so, which translates into another probable two years of action for Holmes.

If Holmes is successful in this, his 17th defense, it will leave him behind only Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis in successful defenses of the heavyweight crown. Ali, in three reighns as champion, made 19 successful defenses. Louis made 25 before retiring as champ in March, 1949.

For the bout, which will be show live on HBO, Holmes is expected to earn $1.2 million. Smith will receive $200,000 plus expenses. The promoter of the title fight is Don King Productions.



IN THIS CORNER...

SHELLY FINKEL

IN THE 16th CENTURY, MEN OF science known as alchemists attempted to turn various substances into gold. None ever succeeded.

In 1966, a 22-year-old former discotheque manager named Shelly Finkel had his own theory about making gold. He worked hard to prove himself correct. Finally, he succeeded. He turned Vanilla Fudge into gold.

Vanilla Fudge was a New York-based, hard-rock group managed by Finkel. Behind the guidance of the young businessman, Vanilla Fudge recorded an album which rose to the top of the rock charts, selling over one million copies.

However, the gold soon ran out. Finkel worked hard to discover new formulas to make gold. In 1971, he teamed with 22-year-old Jim Koplik in promoting rock concerts. They had some success. Mostly, they struggled. Then, in 1973, they hit upon a new formula. That summer, they promoted a rock concert on a farm in Watkins Glen, New York. To their surprise, it was more than a success. Attracting 600,000 fans, it remains the largest rock concert in history. Since then, life has been nothing but golden for the two. Today, their Cross Country Concerts is one of the most successful promotional firms in the rock 'n roll industry.

While Koplik and Finkel remain partners in Cross Country Concerts, Finkel branched out in 1978 into a field which had long enthralled him—boxing. He began to promote amateur boxing shows. He made no money doing so, but was loving every second nevertheless.

It was at that time Finkel spotted a young Bronx welterweight named Alex Ramos. Finkel and Ramos became friends. By mutual consent, it was decided that one day Ramos would turn professional and Finkel would manage him. That day came in November, 1980, after Ramos had won four successive New York Golden Gloves titles. By that time, Finkel had also become involved with four other fighters—junior middleweight Tony Ayala Jr., junior welterweight Johnny Bumphus and heavyweights Mitchell Green and Tony Tucker. He had also taken on a boxing partner, veteran fight figure Lou Duva. In four years, Finkel and Duva have scaled boxing's highest peaks, fallen off and now have climbed back up. Today, Finkel is the manager of the most talented array of boxers in the world, either in tandem with Duva or by himself.

Born on June 27, 1944, Finkel was raised in the tough Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, N.Y. What he couldn't settle with his fists he settled by bringing in his friend, Butch.

"Butch was my best friend," recalls Finkel. "He was my protector. If somebody bothered me, all I had to do was tell Butch. He took care of the rest. Butch had a way with people—a way to make them see things from his point of view."

When trouble was around—and Butch wasn't—Finkel had to defend himself. He took up karate, eventually earning a black belt in the Shodan style of the sport.

After graduating CCNY in 1965, Finkel took off to find his formula to make gold. He thought he might have it in the computer dating business. Then, in 1965, the owner of the "Action House"—a singles discotheque—in Long Beach, N.Y. spotted Finkel handing out flyers for the dating service in the parking lot of the "Action House." He confronted Finkel. However, the two didn't exchange punches, or even nasty words. In fact, they began talking business. Soon, Finkel became the manager of the "Action House." It was there he befriended a group called the "Pigeons," later turning them into "Vanilla Fudge" before meeting Koplik and eventually going into partnership with him. The "Fudge" wasn't Finkel's only golden success. A group called "Mountain" also attained great heights behind Finkel's guidance.

In 1980, while attending the New York Golden Gloves, he spotted a tall, skinny, 16-year-old 139-pound novice fighter. He was impressed with the youngster. Finkel approached him and introduced himself, then said, "I'd like to become involved with your boxing career." The youngster, sensing a genuine warmth about Finkel, said, "Let's be friends and take it from there." In the years that followed, other businessmen began to take an interest in the youngster. However, all of them wanted him to take off his amateur wraps and turn professional. Finkel was the only one who pleaded with him to stay amateur. Finkel was able to see long distance. He was able to look over the horizon and envision a record five consecutive Golden Gloves titles, followed by an Olympic gold medal. Mark Beland listened only to Finkel. Today, he is profitting from their relationship.

In addition to Breland, Finkel's warmth and understanding was able to beat out the likes of Don King, Bob Arum, Phil Alessi and multi-millionairess Joan Abercrombie for the professional contracts of Olympic medalists Tyrell Biggs, Evander Holyfield, Jerry Page and Pernell Whitaker.

Today, Shelly Finkel—who once turned Vanilla Fudge into gold—is working on another formula. He's perfecting the conversion of Olympic gold and silver into truckloads of American dollars. If anybody can do it, he can.

PINKLON THOMAS

JABS HIS WAY TO WBC TITLE

BY GEORGE JETT

PINKLON THOMAS CREDITED HIS left jab. Tim Witherspoon credited Thomas' left thumb. But regardless of what actually deserved the credit, when all was said and done August 31 in Las Vegas, Thomas was the owner of the WBC heavyweight title.

Thomas' victory further muddies the waters of the heavyweight division, which has now seen six separate champions wear the crown in one association or another in the past 21 months.

Thomas rode his stiff left jab to the title. He dominated the early rounds, building a lead that held up over the final five, during which Witherspoon made a belated charge.

The fight will not go down in boxing annals as a classic. There were no knockdowns or cuts, and Witherspoon's claims of constant thumbing were the only evidence that any permanent damage may have been done to either man. The pace was slow, punctuated by occasional flurries that did more to wake up the crowd than affect the outcome. Thomas kept his left in Witherspoon's face all evening, seldom throwing his right, and Witherspoon, while mixing up his punches more readily, never appeared to get into the flow of the bout.

In fact, the only real excitement came at the end of the bout, when it was revealed that Thomas had won by majority decision. Judges Duane Ford and Dalby Shirley scored the fight 116-112 and 115-112 for Thomas, respectively, while judge Hal Miller unaccountably called the fight even at 114. Everyone in the Riviera Hotel & Casino hall excepting Miller, Witherspoon, the blind and the partisan, had Thomas winning handily.

For Thomas, who weighed in at 216, the victory was the culmination of a boxing dream that began just seven years ago. Until he was 19 the new champion never strapped on a pair of gloves, and in late 1978 he turned pro with just three amateur fights under his belt. In the intervening period Thomas has run his record to 25-0-1, the only blemish being a draw with WBA champion Gerrie Coetzee in January 1983. He has 20 knockouts over that span.

Witherspoon, who came in at 217, saw his record fall to 18-2, his only other loss being the hotly-disputed split decision to Larry Holmes May 20, 1983. He won the title with a lopsided decision over Greg Page on March 9 of this year. The Thomas fight was his first title defense.

"My jab is my bread and butter," Thomas said following his victory. "It was working for me, and when it's working for me I'm not going to change."

Witherspoon, however, saw it differently.

"I was thumbed on numerous occasions throughout the fight," he said following the loss. "I think my jab was more effective. His was only effective after he thumbed me.

"He thumbed me almost every round."

Thomas sat stoically throughout Witherspoon's post-fight statement, responding only that he respected Witherspoon as a fighter.

For all of Witherspoon's claims of thumbing, he was the only fighter penalized, referee Richard Steele deducting a point in the fifth round after a third warning for hitting with the back of the hand. Witherspoon claimed the backhands were the result of changing from his normal righthanded stance to southpaw, but the argument was academic. Had the point not been deducted, Thomas still would have won the fight, albeit by a split decision instead of a majority.

Specualtion centered on Witherspoon's publicized contractual squabbles with promoter Don King and whether they had any impact on his showing, or lack of same. But Witherspoon discounted that theory.

"I tried to put all that aside," he said after the fight. "I don't think I was hungry enough to take it."

Larry Holmes, who holds the International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship but is generally recognized as the true champion of the division, watched the fight from ringside. Because of his presence, this heavyweight championship resembled nothing so much as a summer stock production of "Music Man" with Robert Preston in the front row.

With all the jockeying for position in the heavyweight division, Holmes' title grip of more than five years is even more impressive. Despite the comments of Holmes-baiters, he has been the one constant in the division for half a decade. Others seem to come and go, but Holmes remains undefeated. Whether Thomas can break the jinx that has seen so many champions fall of late remains to be seen, but he would like to do something about clearing up the confusion.

When asked about future opponents, Thomas said, "Holmes and Coetzee. I should get a shot at them. I want to fight for the unification of the title and become the one and only champion, like Joe Louis.

"The way it is now, nobody knows who the real champion is."

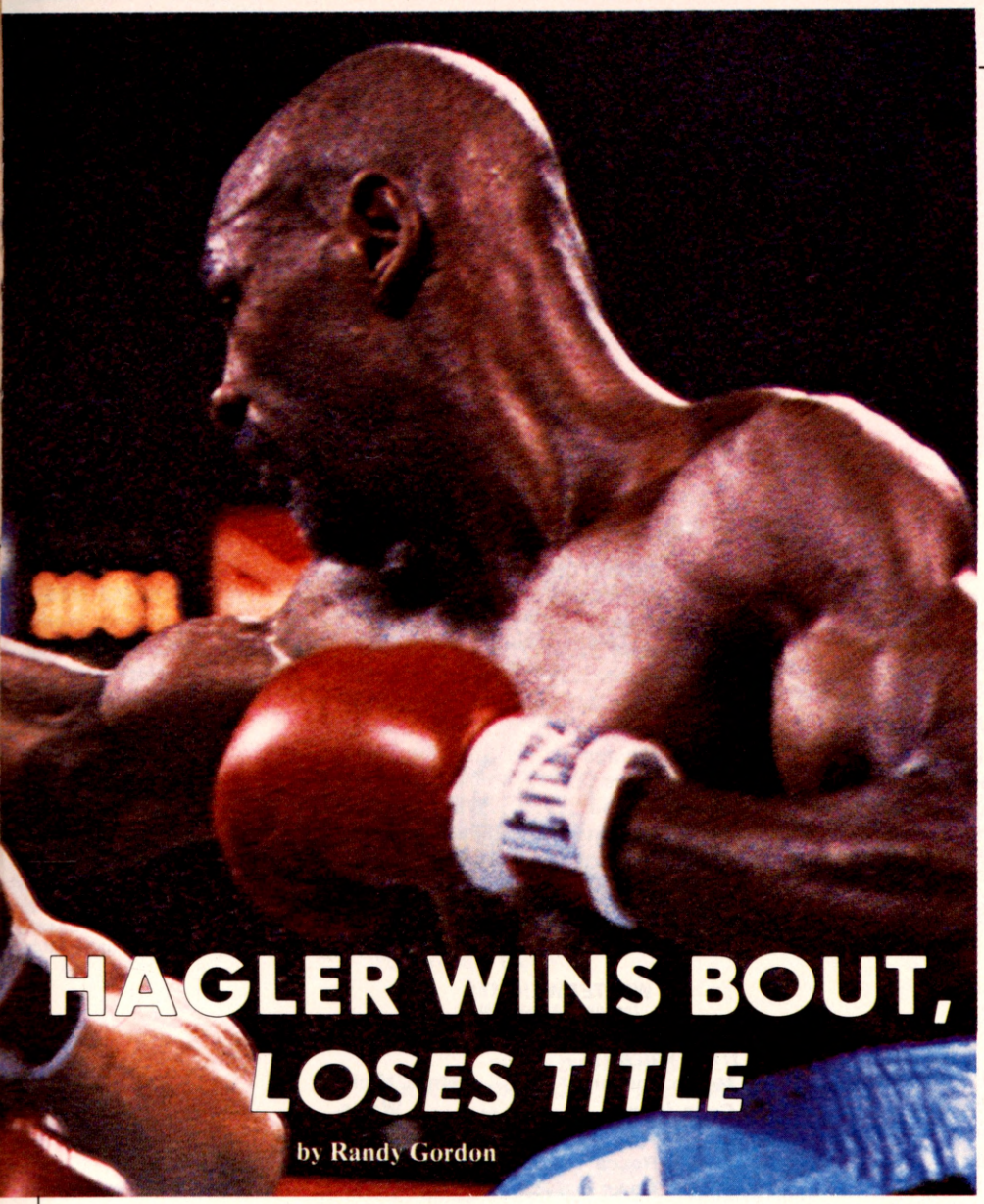
His point is well-taken. Mike Weaver held the WBA title for nearly three years, but when he was stopped in the first by Michael Dokes in the famous (or infamous) early TKO in December 1982 it was the first revolution in what has become a revolving door of heavyweight champs. Dokes, after retaining the crown with a draw in the Weaver rematch, lost his title in September 1983 to Coetzee, who has yet to defend.

The WBC battle has been every bit as convoluted. After Holmes relinquished his title Witherspoon won it with his decision over Greg Page. His loss to Thomas was his first defense.

Dokes, Weaver and Page all fought on the undercard of this championship fight, with Dokes and Weaver winning and Page losing his second fight in succession (see Ringside Report for details).

So when does the revolving door quit spinning? Holmes and Coetzee are supposed to meet sometime this fall, and Thomas may wind up defending his title for the first time against David Bey, who beat Page on the undercard. If that's the case, we may be looking at a unification fight sometime in 1985 between the winners of those two bouts. Then again, maybe not. Sometimes unification fights don't make for good business in the competition between sanctioning bodies.

But one thing appears certain. Until Holmes is removed from the picture, either through a loss or retirement, Thomas' new crown will lack the sheen of a true champion's. He, like the others who have gone before him in the past two years, must dance in the shadows while Holmes commands the spotlight of the championship.



HAGLER WINS BOUT, LOSES TITLE

by Randy Gordon

Marvelous Marvin rarely looked better as he knocked out Mustafa Hamsho in round three, but took it on the chin from the WBC the following day when they stripped him of the title.

THE PRE-FIGHT PROMISES WERE met. Marvelous Marvin Hagler did what he said he was going to do. So did Mustafa Hamsho. And so did the WBC.

Hagler said he wanted to blast Hamsho, to beat him much more decisively than when the two met on October 3, 1981. He lived up to his promise.

Mustafa Hamsho said he was going to fight every bit as rough, but a lot smarter than he did in his title loss to Hagler three years ago. He, too, lived up to his promise.

And from Montreal, where the WBC was holding its annual convention, came word from organization President Jose Sulaiman that Hagler would be stripped of WBC recognition as middleweight champion if he went through with the fight, scheduled for the WBA-recognized championship distance of 15 rounds, rather than conform to the WBC-recognized title distance of 12 rounds. When the fight was announced—then held—over the 15-round distance, Sulaiman, as did Hagler and Hamsho, kept his word. He and the WBC removed the crown from Hagler's head. It is a move that has been met with microscopic approval, even from within the ranks of the WBC. The Ring will continue to recognize Hagler as "World Champion."

AS FOR THE FIGHT WHICH TOOK place inside the ring, there was no brutality bathed in blood this time around. Marvelous Marvin did not butcher Hamsho's face as he did three years earlier. This time he did what no man had ever done—knock Hamsho down. And he did it twice. He did it ferociously. He did it impressively.

"Hagler is slipping," "Hagler's not the same," was the talk inside boxing. The people who spoke those words pointed to the facts. In Hagler's two previous fights to the Hamsho rematch, the king of the middleweight looked less-than-dominating.

Last March 30, it was Argentina's tough Juan D. Roldan who was given a title shot. He was the same Roldan—the same crude, hard-punching brawler—who had unanimously—and narrowly—won over journeyman Teddy Mann in May 1983. Four months before Roldan it was the great Roberto Duran—who had long since been a great fighter—forcing Hagler to go the distance for the first time in any defense of the title. Of those two less-than-marvelous performances, Hagler was judged by many fans and experts alike to have slipped.

While few of those same fans and experts believed Hamsho to be a vastly-improved fighter, just as few looked at him as having slipped. In his lone 1984 ring appearance, he stopped Rocky Shakespeare in round five on March 29. Hamsho took the fight as seriously as a pre-training camp sparring session.

The general consensus was that this fight would be tougher for Hagler, though the result would be the same as their October 3, 1981 battle—a TKO victory for Hagler with blood streaming from every angle on Hamsho's face.

Until a few weeks before the fight, that's how Hagler would have wanted it once more. He does not like Hamsho. The feeling is mutual. Then, Hamsho made a dreadful mistake. In his pre-fight rantings, none stood out as much as the one where he said, "Hagler has no heart." Those four words strung together were Hamsho's undoing. Call him old. Call him hittable. Call him a bald-headed so-and-so. But don't—DON'T—tell the press he "has no heart."

"I'll make him eat those words!" growled Hagler a few nights before the fight.

The fight was held in Madison Square Garden, marking Hagler's first appearance there and the first middleweight title bout in the building in nine years. On June 30,

The RING

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(not over 195 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS DE LEON%% ..... Puerto Rico
1. *Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
2. *Anthony Davis* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. *John Odhiambo* ..... Uganda
4. *Eddie Mustafa Muhammad* .. *Brooklyn*
5. *B.T. Gordon* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. *Alfonso Ratliff* ..... Chicago, Ill.
7. *Henry Hearns* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8. *Leroy Murphy*☆ ..... Missoula, Mont.
9. *Marvin Camel* ..... Chicago, Ill.
10. *Randy Stephens* ..... Dallas, Texas

11. Bashiru Ali 12. Chisanda Mutti 13. David Pearce 14. Dennis Jackson 15. Alvaro Lopez 16. (Tie) Elijah Tillery, Bernard Benton, Young Joe Louis

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*MICHAEL SPINKS**** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. *Dwight Qawi* ..... Camden, N.J.
2. *Eddie Davis* ..... Freeport, N.Y.
3. *Marvin Johnson* .... Indianapolis, Ind.
4. *Willie Edwards* ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. *Oscar Rivadeneyra* ..... Vineland, N.J.
6. *Pete McIntyre* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. *Jean-Marie Emebe* ..... Cameroons
8. *Richie Kates* ..... Bridgeton, N.J.
9. *Fulgencio Obelmejias* ..... Venezuela
10. *Prince Mama Mohammad* ..... Ghana

11. Alex Blanchard 12. David Sears 13. Tim Broady 14. (Tie) Lotte Mwale, John Davis 16. Anthony Witherspoon

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*M. MARVIN HAGLER**** . Brockton, Mass.
1. *Mustafa Hamsho* ..... Syria
2. *James Shuler* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. *James Kinchen* ..... San Diego, Calif.
4. *Don Lee* ..... Gary, Ind.
5. *Juan D. Roldan* ..... Argentina
6. *Dwight Davison* ..... Detroit, Mich.
7. *Tony Sibson* ..... England
8. *Alex Ramos* ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. *Curtis Parker* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. *Herol Graham* ..... England

11. Louis Acaries 12. Frank Fletcher 13. Mark Holmes 14. Doug DeWitt, 15. John Collins 16. Chong-Pal Park 17. Robert Pew

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS%% ..... Detroit, Mich.
1. *Mike McCallum* ..... New York, N.Y.
2. *John Mugabi* ..... Uganda
3. *Mark Medal*☆ ..... Jersey City, N.J.
4. *Davey Moore* ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5. *David Braxton* ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. *Fred Hutchings* ..... Stockton, Calif.
7. *Earl Hargrove* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. *Julian Jackson* ..... Virgin Islands
9. *Buster Drayton* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. *James Green* ..... Irvington, N.J.

11. Francisco DeJesus 12. Wilfred Benitez 13. Darnell Knox 14. Luigi Minchillo, Sean Mannion

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

1. *TITLE VACANT*
2. *Milton McCrory*** ..... Detroit, Mich.
3. *Colin Jones* ..... Wales
4. *Tommy Ayers* ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
5. *Nino LaRocca* ..... Italy
6. *Simon Brown* ..... Washington, D.C.
7. *Maurice Blocker* .... Washington, D.C.
8. *Pedro Vilella* ..... New York, N.Y.
9. *Marlon Starling* ..... Hartford, Conn.
10. *Carlos Trujillo* ..... Panama
11. *Roger Stafford* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

12. Johnny Bumphus 13. Jun-Suk Hwang 14. Elio iaz 15. Pablo Baez 16. Horace Shufford 17. (Tie)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. *Aaron Pryor*☆ ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. *Billy Costello*** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
3. *Gene Hatcher** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4. *Ronnie Shields* ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
5. *Leroy Haley* ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
6. *Saoul Mamby* ..... New York, N.Y.
7. *Patrizio Oliva* ..... Italy
8. *Gary Hinton* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. *Hugo Hernandez* ..... Argentina
10. *Clint McKenzie* ..... England

11. Rene Arredondo 12. Billy Famous 13. Hidekazu Akai 14. Sang-Ho Lee 15. (Tie) Lorenzo Garcia, Ubaldo Sacco, Reyes Cruz 18. (Tie) Kel Robin, Joe Manley

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(weight unlimited)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES☆ ..... Easton, Pa.
1. *Pinklon Thomas*** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
2. *Gerrie Coetzee** ..... South Africa
3. *Tim Witherspoon* .... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. *Michael Dokes* ..... Akron, Ohio
5. *Mike Weaver* ..... Diamond Bar, Calif.
6. *David Bey* ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
7. *Greg Page* ..... Louisville, Ky.
8. *Trevor Berbick* ..... Halifax, Canada
9. *James Smith* ..... Magnolia, N.C.
10. *James Broad* ..... Wildwood, N.J.

11. Tony Tubbs 12. (Tie) Carl Williams, Tony Tucker, Frank Bruno 15. (Tie) Randall Cobb, Jeff Sims, Gerry Cooney 18. (Tie) Marvis Frazier, George Chaplin, Eddie Gregg, John Tate

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Ratings as of October 20, 1984

* *WBA CHAMPION*
** *WBC CHAMPION*
*** *WBA AND WBC CHAMPION*
☆ *IBF CHAMPION*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. *Edwin Rosario*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. *Livingstone Branble** .... Passaic, N.J.
3. *Tyrone Crawley* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. *Ray Mancini* ..... Youngstown, Ohio
5. *Howard Davis Jr.* ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
6. *Harry Arroyo*☆ .... Youngstown, Ohio
7. *Hector Camacho* ..... Harlem, N.Y.
8. *Jose Luis Ramirez* ..... Mexico
9. *Robin Blake* ..... Levelland, Tex.
10. *Jimmy Paul* ..... Detroit, Mich.

11. Terrance Alli 12. Orlando Romero 13. Cornelius-Boza Edwards 14. Charles "White Lightning" Brown 15. Frankie Randall 16. Rene Weller 17. Nick Furlano 18. Ken Bogner 19. Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*ROCKY LOCKRIDGE** .. Maple Shade, N.J.
1. *Mario Martinez* ..... Mexico
2. *Roger Mayweather* ... Las Vegas, Nev.
3. *Julio Chavez* ..... Mexico
4. *Rafael Solis* ..... Puerto Rico
5. *Bobby Chacon* ..... Oroville, Calif.
6. *Edgar Castro* ..... Venezuela
7. *Vonekura Ikhoni* ..... Japan
8. *Pat Cowdell* ..... England
9. *Jean Marc Renard* ..... Belgium
10. *Kamel Bou Ali* ..... Tunisia

11. Yoshimitsu Azato 12. Rolando Navarrete 13. Kenny Baysmore 14. Alfredo Layne 15. Tae-Jin Moon 16. Refugio Rojas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*EUSEBIO PEDROZA** ..... Panama
1. *Wilfredo Gomez*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. *Juan LaPorte* ..... Puerto Rico
3. *Barry McGuigan* ..... Ireland
4. *Azumah Nelson* ..... Ghana
5. *Marcos Villasana* ..... Mexico
6. *Johnny De La Rosa* ..... Miami, Fla.
7. *Jackie Beard* ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. *Bernard Taylor* ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9. *Ruben Castillo* ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
10. *Richard Savage* ..... W. Monroe, La.

11. Irving Mitchell 12. Jorge Lujan 13. Sergio Zambrano 14. Ramon Sosa 15. (Tie) Lupe Suarez, Oscar Bejines 17. (Tie) Tyrone Jackson, Dana Roston

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. *Jaime Garza*** .... Los Angeles, Calif.
2. *Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
3. *Mike Ayala* ..... San Antonio, Texas
4. *Loris Stecca* ..... Italy
5. *Felepe Orozco* ..... Colombia
6. *Juan (Kid) Meza* ... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. *Julian Solis* ..... Puerto Rico
8. *Leo Cruz* ..... Dominican Republic
9. *Raul Gonzalez* ..... Venezuela
10. *Seung-Hoon Lee* ..... Korea

11. Oscar Muniz 12. Bernardo Checa 13. Pongpan Sorphayathai 14. Ji-Won Kim 15. Tommy Valoy 16. Ramon Doninguez 17. Jesus Flores

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*RICHARD SANDOVAL** Los Angeles, Calif.
1. *Albert Davila*** ..... Pomona, Calif.
2. *Jeff Chandler* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. *Jiro Watanabe* ..... Japan
4. *Enrique Sanchez* . Dominican Republic
5. *Oscar Muniz* ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. *Payao Poontarat* ..... Thailand
7. *Edgar Roman* ..... Caracas, Venezuela
8. *Gaby Canizales* ..... Laredo, Texas
9. *Rafael Orono* ..... Venezuela
10. *Freddie Jackson* ..... Houston, Texas

11. Miguel Lora 12. James Pipps 13. Chan-Yung Park 14. Daniel Zaragoza 15. Cardenio Ulloa 16. (Tie) Greg Richardson, Harold Petty 18. Jorge Ramirez

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

*GABRIEL BERNAL*** ..... Mexico
1. *Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
2. *Jung-Koo Chang* ..... Korea
3. *Francisco Quiroz* . Dominican Republic
4. *Freddie Castillo* ..... Mexico
5. *Lupe Madera* ..... Mexico
6. *Koji Kobayashi* ..... Japan
7. *Prudencio Cardona* ..... Columbia
8. *German Torres* ..... Mexico
9. *Candido Tellez* ..... Mexico
10. *Juan Herrera* ..... Mexico

11. Charlie Magri 12. (Tie) Joey Olivo, Katsuo Toshiki 14. Alonzo Strongbow 15. (Tie) Reinaldo Becerra, Jose de Jesus 17. Francisco Montiel 18. (Tie) Enrique Aguilar, Jorge Cano, Isidro Perez, Eleoncio Mercedes, Mario De Marco

1975, Carlos Monzon stopped Tony Licata in the 10th round there.

Monzon was not present, but former middleweight champions Vito Antuofermo, Rocky Graziano and Jake LaMotta were, along with former lightweight king Ike Williams, former heavyweight titleholder Jersey Joe Walcott, former light heavyweight champ Matthew Saad Muhammad, former WBC junior welterweight titleholder Saoul Mamby, former WBA junior middleweight king Davey Moore, WBA welterweight champion Donald Curry, world cruiserweight champion Carlos DeLeon and Hagler's next opponent—world junior middleweight boss Thomas Hearns. Of all the fighters, LaMotta, "The Raging Bull," drew the longest and loudest ovation.

Hamsho was the first to enter the ring. Hagler made him wait there several minutes before making his entrance. Once Hagler entered, the fight was less than five minutes away from starting.

During the playing of the Syrian National Anthem and the singing of "America the Beautiful" by James Williams of the soul group "D Train," Hagler warmed up. For most of the time, Hamsho stood relatively still.

AT THE OPENING BELL, HAMSHO went right after Hagler, who began to circle steadily to his right behind a probing jab. In the opening seconds of the fight, Hagler threw six jabs to one of Hamsho's southpaw jabs. Then, with :30 gone in the round, Hamsho landed a sharp right hook to Hagler's chin. The champ took it well—he takes all punches well—and smoothly boxed the strongman from Syria. Hagler's movement presented problems for Hamsho, and he missed a sweeping right hook inside the first minute. Moments later, out of the frustrating evening he possibly foresaw had the fight gone longer than it did, Hamsho shoved down on Hagler's head when the two were in close. It was the same old "Let's Get Physical" Mustafa Hamsho.

From the outside, however, he was different. No longer was he intent to plod straight on in, willing to take punishment in order to give it. In front of Hagler, Hamsho ducked. He bent his knees. He got under Hagler's quick jabs. Then he would throw a right hook at Hagler at move in.

During one of those early moves forward, the middleweights cracked heads. Hamsho came away with a slice above his left eye. The blood, however, ran down his nose, not into his eye.

Following a shoving session on the inside with :30 remaining in the opening round, Hagler stood in front of Hamsho and began talking to him.

"Come on! Come on and fight!"

Hamsho was happy to oblige him. Just before the bell, Hamsho drilled a right hook to the face. The thickly-muscled middleweight champion took it well and moved away as the bell sounded.

The fight turned dirty in round two. Referee Arthur Mercante was forced to warn both fighters to "Watch the heads!" Hagler was trying to watch out. Hamsho wasn't. In close, his fists weren't the only weapons he possessed.

"I started to think, 'This guy is cut, now he wants to cut me,' " said Hagler later. "I didn't want to give him that chance. Hagler gave the challenger moves, feints and jabs—lots of them. However, Hamsho was

using his head to think when he wasn't using it as a weapon. His constant head movement was making Hagler miss with the jab, his bread and butter punch.

Round three was not 20 seconds old when Hamsho tried to intentionally butt Hagler. The move brought fire to the champion's eyes.

He stepped up his pace and began to put more snap on his punches. A textbook right uppercut-left cross snapped Hamsho's head and buckled his knees. Hagler saw the hurt on his opponent's face and heard him moan. He stepped up his pace even more.

Hagler began snapping off right jab after right jab. Hamsho moved in to try and smother his punches. As he moved in, Hagler spotted his left hand low. He banged a short right hook off Hamsho's face, then another one. The second hook sent Hamsho down for the first time in his career. Half the round remained. To Hamsho, it seemed like an eternity.

Hamsho arose at five. His heart wanted to fight on, but his body didn't. His unsteady legs told the truth. He covered well as Hagler—perhaps the best finisher in boxing—went after him. He covered and he fought back.

By now, Hagler was not thinking of defense. He was thinking only of his boxing motto, "Destruct and Destroy." He unleashed a volley of blows at Hamsho, who was still trying to stay close. Then he shoved Hamsho away. The Syrian stumbled into Hagler's corner on legs which were going in different directions.

Across the ring, Hamsho's manager, Al Certo, began making his way up the stairs. He cares for Hamsho. He cares very much for him. He cares the way his buddy, Paddy Flood, cared for Hamsho. Flood died of a cerebral hemorrhage in March 1982.

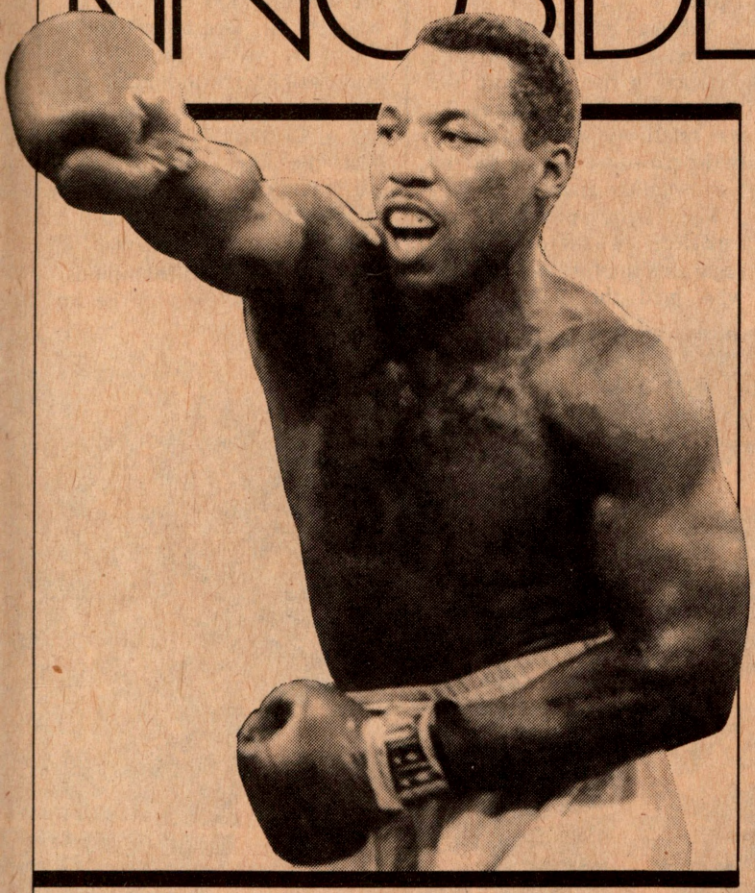
When a Hagler right hook sent Hamsho sprawling on his back moments later, Certo knew two things: He knew Hamsho would get up and fight back. He also knew he wouldn't allow him to do that, and came racing into the ring, cradling protective and loving arms around Hamsho's head. The Syrian is now 38-3-2 with 22 knockouts. Two of those three losses were to Hagler. The other was to Pat Cuillo in Hamsho's pro debut. Should he decide to keep fighting, the WBC title may well become his now that they've turned their backs on the world's best middleweight.

Against Hamsho, Hagler did what he had to do. He won in brutal, typical Hagler style. This was the Hagler who savaged Alan Minter and Tony Sibson and "Caveman" Lee and Wilford Scypion and Fulgencio Obelmejias, not the Hagler who was too respectful of Duran and too cautious of Roldan.

It will matter little that Jose "The Stripper" knocked the crown off Hagler's head. The WBC crown which will eventually be won by James Shuler or Dwight Davison or Mustafa Hamsho will be a paper title. Nothing more.

Until the time comes when some fighter produces a Herculean effort and beats him inside a boxing ring, Marvelous Marvin Hagler will remain undisputed middleweight champion as far as The Ring and the rest of the boxing world is concerned. Nothing Jose Sulaiman says or does can change that.

RINGSIDE REPORTS



FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PINKLON THOMAS IS THE "FIGHTER OF THE MONTH" for winning the WBC Heavyweight Championship with a majority 12-round decision against titleholder "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon. In this fight, it was Thomas, not Witherspoon, who was "Terrible." Thomas pounded his way to victory by employing constant use of one of the hardest jabs seen in the division since the days of Sonny Liston. Considering the horror story of drugs which marked his adolescent years, Thomas' victory must be considered one of the greatest success stories in boxing history.

•Runner-up for "Fighter of the Month" honors is **David Bey**, who captured the USBA Heavyweight Title by going all-out in the final three rounds to unanimously outpoint Greg Page over 12 rounds.

•Honorable mentions go to lightweight **Harry Arroyo** and former two-time light heavyweight champion **Marvin Johnson**. Arroyo retained his IBF Lightweight Championship in front of a hometown crowd in Youngstown, Ohio, stopping previously unbeaten Charles "White Lightning" Brown in the eighth round. Johnson, looking stronger each time out, pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision over game New Yorker John Davis in Atlantic City, his eighth consecutive win since losing to Michael Spinks in 1981.

BEY-PAGE

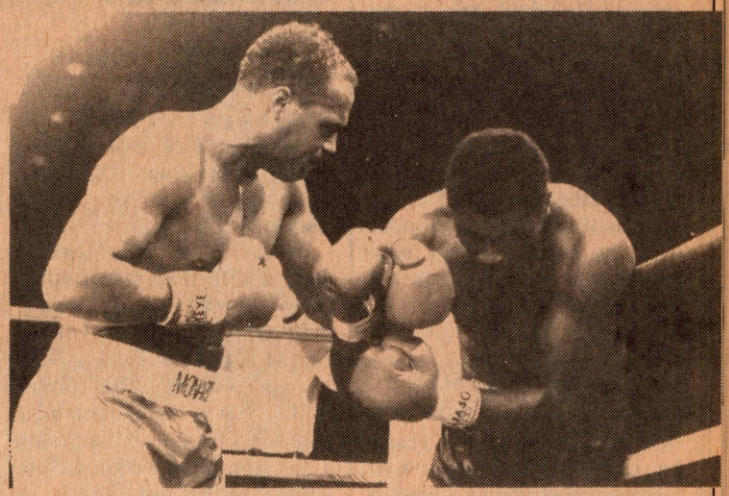
USBA Heavyweight Title

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—David Bey has hit the low point of his career—in weight, that is. His conditioning and determination were enough to overcome the physical skills of Greg Page and win the USBA heavyweight crown with a unanimous 12-round decision.

The 27-year-old Bey, whose weight has been as high as 292 pounds, took a 13-0 record and 224½ pounds into the fight against Page, who hadn't fought since dropping a 12-round decision to Tim Witherspoon last March for the vacant WBC title.

For this fight, Page, 25, hired Janks Morton to train him. Morton, one of the best conditioners in the game, is a no-nonsense trainer who runs a military-like training camp. Six weeks with Morton and a man knows he's in shape. Page needed the work.

When he lost to Witherspoon, Page weighed 238. It was a soft and flabby 238. For this fight he weighed 233. But they were 233 well-conditioned, well-distributed pounds. At the end, however, it was the points of the judges—not the pounds of Page—which mattered.



Judge Dave Moretti scored the fight 115-113. Judge Lou Tabat scored it 116-112, while judge Chuck Minker had it 115-114. A furious and gallant rally by Bey in the final three rounds of the fight is what swayed the decision in his favor. However, Page didn't see it that way.

"David Bey knows he did not beat me," snarled a bitter Page after the decision was announced, sounding much like he did following the loss to Witherspoon. "I did everything I had to do. I had everything working for me. I cut him. I hurt him. I beat him up. Only he was given the decision." Then he turned his anger to promoter Don King, against whom he lashed a verbal tirade after the Witherspoon defeat.

"It's the same old thing. It ain't no big deal, though. Don King calls the shots. I feel I won the fight."

On appearances alone after the fight, it certainly looked as if Page was the winner and Bey the beaten, weary loser. Page was virtually unmarked. Midway through the fight, Bey suffered a cut below the left eye. In the ninth round, he suffered a cut above his right eye. He also sported a puffiness around both eyes and his nose bled through much of

the fight.

Bey pursued the champion through most of the fight, eating dozens of Page's fast, hard jab as he did so. But he didn't pose. He kept his hands moving and did his best work whenever Page stopped along the ropes.

Page, looking to be in control from the fourth round until the eighth, had his best round in the eighth, when a hard left-right combination to the head stunned Bey. After that round, ringside physician Dr. Donald Romeo went to Bey's corner to have a look at his sliced left eye. He allowed the fight to continue after a quick examination.

What it came down to is who wanted the title more. Page, seemingly convinced he had the decision sewn up, virtually stopped fighting. Bey, however, fought as if he needed to win every second of the final three rounds. His efforts paid off in the USBA title and a step closer to a world title shot.

Page, whose record fell to 23-3, must put aside his depression and bad feelings for Don King, and re-dedicate himself to becoming a world champ. He's still one of the world's most talented heavyweights, but is throwing a brilliant future away with his poor attitude.

As for the winner, he's proud of the fact that the USBA Heavyweight Title is now his. But he's even prouder that the boxing world now knows him as "David Bey," and not "David Who?"

DOKES-JAMESON

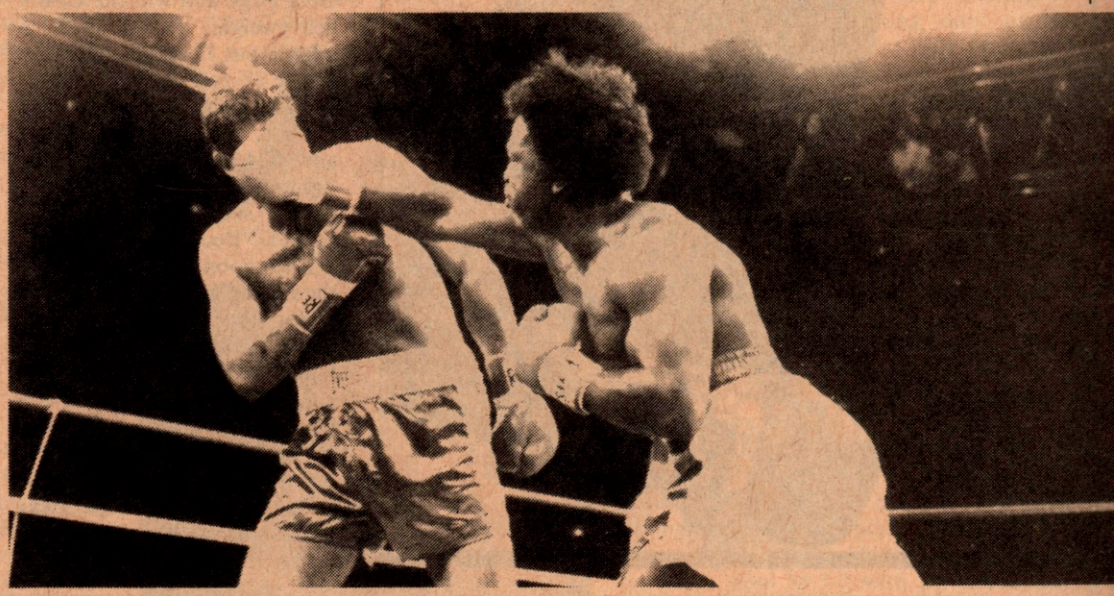
MICHAEL DOKES WON HIS first fight in almost two years, but he looked unimpressive in taking a unanimous decision from California heavyweight Mike Jameson on the Pinklon Thomas-Tim Witherspoon undercard Aug. 31.

Dokes, the former WBA champion who lost his title by knockout to Gerrie Coetzee in September 1983, looked overweight and sluggish in his bout with the game Jameson. The 10-round affair was one chapter in Don King's Blockbuster card in the Riviera Hotel & Casino. Dokes, who came into the fight weighing 226¾, improved his record to 27-1-2 while Jameson, who weighed 211½, fell to 13-9.

Dokes was never able to hurt Jameson but won the fight on the basis of hand speed. While his punches didn't look crisp, he threw enough of them to win on all three judges' cards. Jameson's offense was limited to an occasional right hand which he managed to sneak in over some lazy jabs thrown by Dokes.

Although basically a club fighter, Jameson has gone the distance in the past with the likes of Tex Cobb. Because he was relatively unknown, many in the crowd were surprised the fight went the distance.

The fight provided yet another question mark regarding the future of Dokes, who held the WBA championship for just nine months before losing it to Coetzee. His last victory was the infamous first-round TKO over Mike Weaver in December 1982 when he won the WBA heavyweight crown. Since then he has drawn with Weaver and lost to Coetzee, and a victory over the likes of Jameson, particularly in the lackidasical manner in which he earned it, does little to raise his stock in the heavyweight division.



WEAVER-THOMAS

OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS, past and present, on the card at the Don King Heavyweight Blockbuster Aug. 31, Mike Weaver looked the most impressive.

Weaver, out of Diamond Bar, California, manhandled New Orleans heavyweight Billy Thomas for six rounds before scoring a TKO at 1:16 of the seventh. The former WBA heavyweight titleholder threw a shutout at the young Louisiana heavyweight before dispatching him with a combination to end it.

Weaver came into the fight at 222, one pound heavier than the taller Thomas. The TKO improved Weaver's record to 26-10-1 with 18 KOs. Thomas' record fell to 13-5.

Weaver first came on the heavyweight scene with his dramatic 15th-round knockout of John Tate in March 1980. He held the title for almost three years, knocking out Gerrie Coetzee during his reign, before losing his crown to Michael Dokes in December 1982 in a fight stopped prematurely in the first round. In a rematch with Dokes for the title, Weaver fought to a draw.

Weaver's victory was not without aesthetic flaws. In the fourth Thomas wrestled Weaver into the ropes and both big men fell through the strands and on to the apron, requiring assistance from those ringside to get back into the ring. The tactics seemed to infuriate Weaver, and he pummeled Thomas for the remainder of the fight.

While it's difficult to draw many conclusions in a fight with an opponent outmatched as badly as Billy Thomas was, it still appears Weaver remains a force to be reckoned with in the heavyweight division.

New York heavyweight Mitchell Green preserved his unbeaten mark by stopping Sammy Scaff of Raceland, Ken., with a TKO at just :14 of the sixth round on the Thomas-Witherspoon heavyweight championship undercard.

Green, who weighed 225, improved his mark to 15-0-1 and registered his tenth knockout. Scaff, a burly 244½, fell to 10-3.

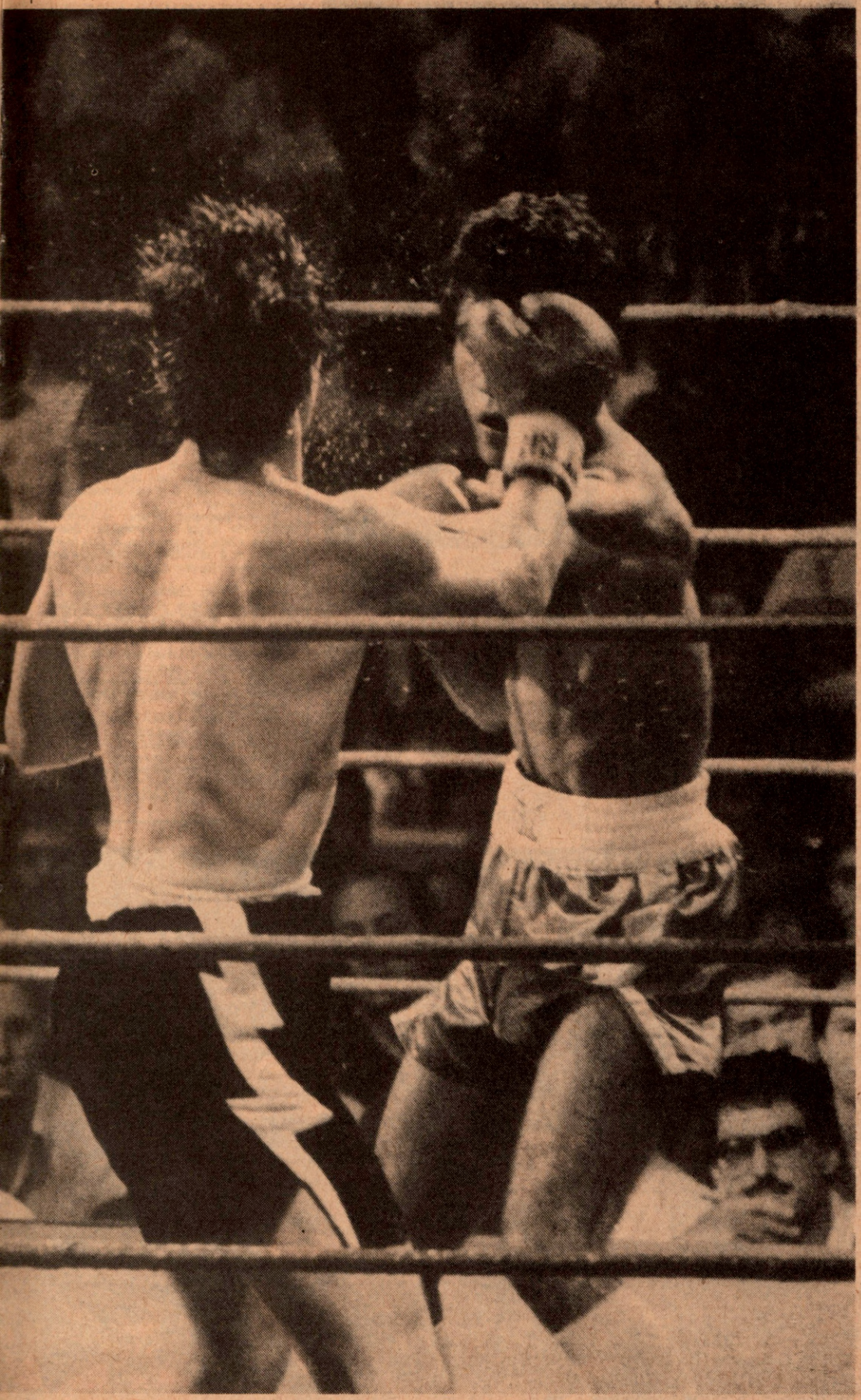
Green had Scaff in trouble late in the fifth round, putting him down toward the end of the round with a choppy left. After the bell signifying the start of the sixth, Green rushed across the ring and dispatched the much slower Scaff with a sharp combination.

Green, who spent much of the fight dancing, confused Scaff with his speed and built up a huge lead before the fight was stopped.

In another heavyweight contest on the undercard, Eddie Richardson of Dallas improved his record to 10-0 with a unanimous decision over previously-unbeaten Sylvester Lee of California.

Richardson, 218, used his 16-pound weight advantage to stop Lee, who weighed in at a slight 202. In the fourth and fifth Richardson scored with combinations that momentarily stunned Lee, but neither fighter was in much danger of falling.

Lee, facing a disadvantage in height as well as weight, fought most of the fight from a crouch. Richardson, although larger, matched the California heavyweight in speed, although neither man appeared to pack much of a punch.



ARROYO-BROWN

IBF Lightweight Title

STRUTHERS, OHIO—BRUtally honest were the press releases coming out of the "White Lightning" Brown camp. Would this wild-eyed innocent, just turned 20, buckle down to serious business? The 23-0 challenger hadn't been right since the Escalera win in June of last year. Those who know better, tried their best—or did they?

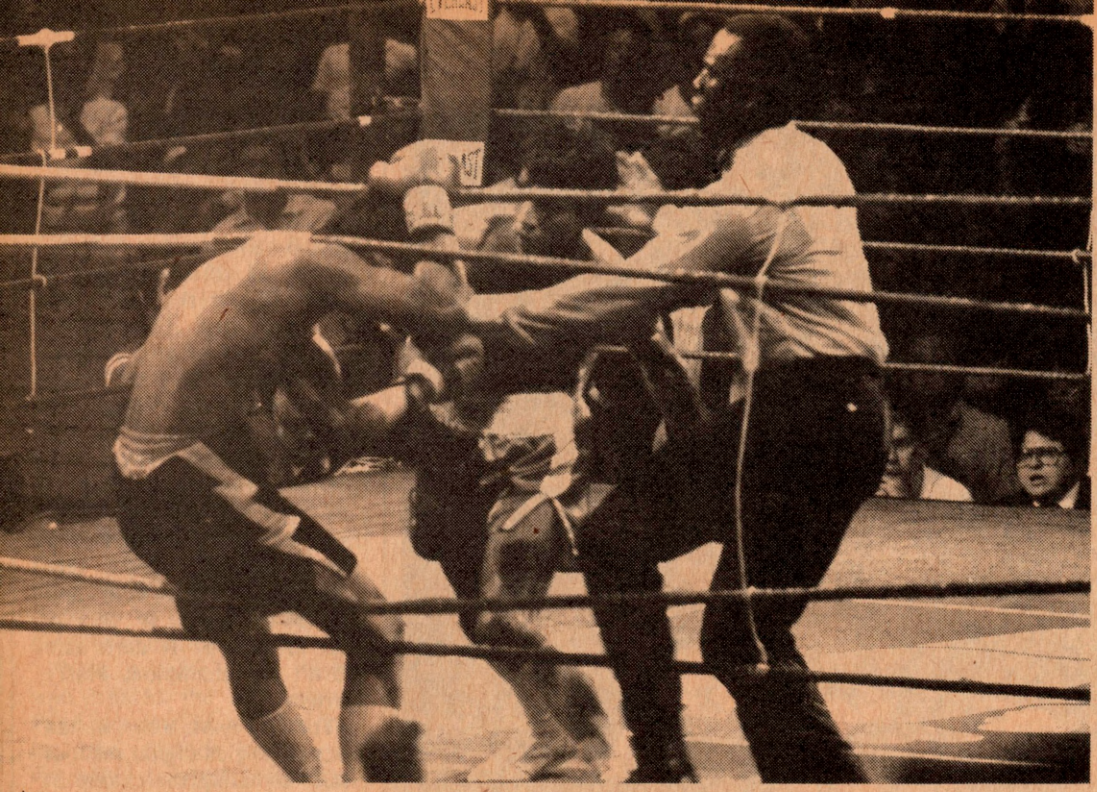
Who was spotted at the hotel bar the evening before the bout? Who was it that pigged out for three hours and yet had to "go for it" at 3:30 that afternoon? It darn sure wasn't the champion, Harry Arroyo.

The 7:15 A.M. weigh-in had the newfangled digital readout scales signaling the champ at 134.9—Charlie Brown clocked in at 135.1, and no one insisted that he shed the one-tenth of a pound. Promoter Bob Arum's smile said, "Oh, what a relief."

NBC was in town. Struthers is just southeast of Youngstown, near the Pennsylvania border. The high school field house had 3,100 of a possible 3,900 seats accounted for. It was not blacked out. The title bout was the second bout of the afternoon.

Mr. Nice Guy, Harry "O" Arroyo had won the IBF lightweight title back in April and this was his first defense; both coming against guys named Charlie Brown—Choo Choo first and White Lightning now. Harry had his expecting (any day now) wife at ringside for moral support, while Charlie countered with parents in seats right below his corner.

The fight started as if Brown were still feeling the effects of all those carbohydrates. Sluggish afoot, he lunged with his punches and appeared the neophyte many had claimed he was all along. (Late minute Vegas odds had this almost an "out" bet). the first was the champ's by default as he sized up his adversary.



Brown, who was billed out of Brooklyn (he loves it there!) took heed to corner instructions and pressed effectively against the always slow starting champion. The momentum carried over and by the end of round five, Charlie had used bristling quick in-and-out one-twos to pile up a lead on all three cards.

For his part, Arroyo, who has the (be this blasphemous?) carriage of a Monzon—straight up, hands up, awkward jab and a deceptively powerful right over the top, worked the body. Did he have a spy at the Ramada Inn? He looked to be timing the rushing, head-ever-out-there Brown. What for?

The answer came in round six. It's name was "Mr. Right" and it trumpeted the victory song. It caught Charlie early and he never got back in it. Harry had found the key and he kept on turning it over. Charlie wobbled, Charlie held, but Charlie never ran. He stuck it out, but struck out nonetheless.

Round seven was more of the same. The cascading punches were in control and there was nothing a mom-and-pop pep talk could do to change that. The champ was finishing up in grand style.

It was over at the 0:21 mark (originally announced as 0:41) of round eight when an Arroyo right sent Charlie back into the ropes. It was then that Brown became a truly beaten fighter. The quick minded and acrobatic Larry Hazzard did not hesitate to "do his thing." Arroyo, of Youngstown, upped his record to 25-0 with 19 kayoes. Brown fell to 23-1 with 17 knockouts. The scoring after seven: judge Frank Cappuccino, 67-66, Arroyo; Harold Lederman, 67-66, Brown (these two men were brought in as neutrals by the IBF); and local judge Tim Figley, 67-65 Arroyo. *The Ring* had it 67-65, Arroyo, giving him 10-8 rounds for six and seven. Only judge Figley gave Harry a two-point round and that was in the sixth.

Arroyo had used that countering right so often that he injured it and later went for x-rays. Walter Stone represented the IBF. Bob Lee? He was in Las Vegas for the WBC heavyweight bout.

One bout preceded the title fight. Lamont Buchanan, 133, St. Louis, Mo., won a six-round unanimous decision over Alan Osborne, 130½, Warren, Ohio. The ref was Tom Christian. Lamont boxed smartly against the rushing Osborne.

Five bouts took place after the Arroyo-Brown match.

Frank Mitchell, 135, Columbus, Ohio, won a four-round unanimous decision over Nicky Parker, 133¾, Erie, Pa. This was the bout chosen beforehand to be shown on NBC if the title bout ended early. It did, but it didn't. The bout was so boring, that it was dropped from an eight to a four during the "action." The ref was Christian.

Joel Hum, 191¾, Erie, Pa., scored a knockout over southpaw Jim Holly, 196½, Ashtabula, Ohio in 1:53 of round two. Holly, a nothing fighter, went down twice in that round. The ref was Tony Mariano. Hum is now a deceptive 7-0. It was scheduled for four.

Vernon Buchanan (brother of Lamont), 153¼, St. Louis, Mo., stopped Cedric Dotson, 129¼, Warren, Ohio, at 2:04 of the second in a scheduled four. Dotson was down twice in round two. The ref was Christian.

Rocky Young, 129, Moundsville, W. Va., stopped Jerry Davis, 125, Zanesville, Ohio, at 0:42 of the third. There were no knockdowns in this scheduled four, refereed by Mariano.

John Bizzaro, Jr., 140, Erie, Pa. stopped Don Thacker, 142, Kenderville, Ind., at 2:25 of round two. It was scheduled for four. Thacker was down once in the first round. The ref was Mariano.

Prelim judges—Tim Figley, Dennis Cunningham, Don Woodland.

Timekeeper—Cliff Evans.

Top Rank, Inc.

Site—Struthers High School Field House.

(09-01-84)

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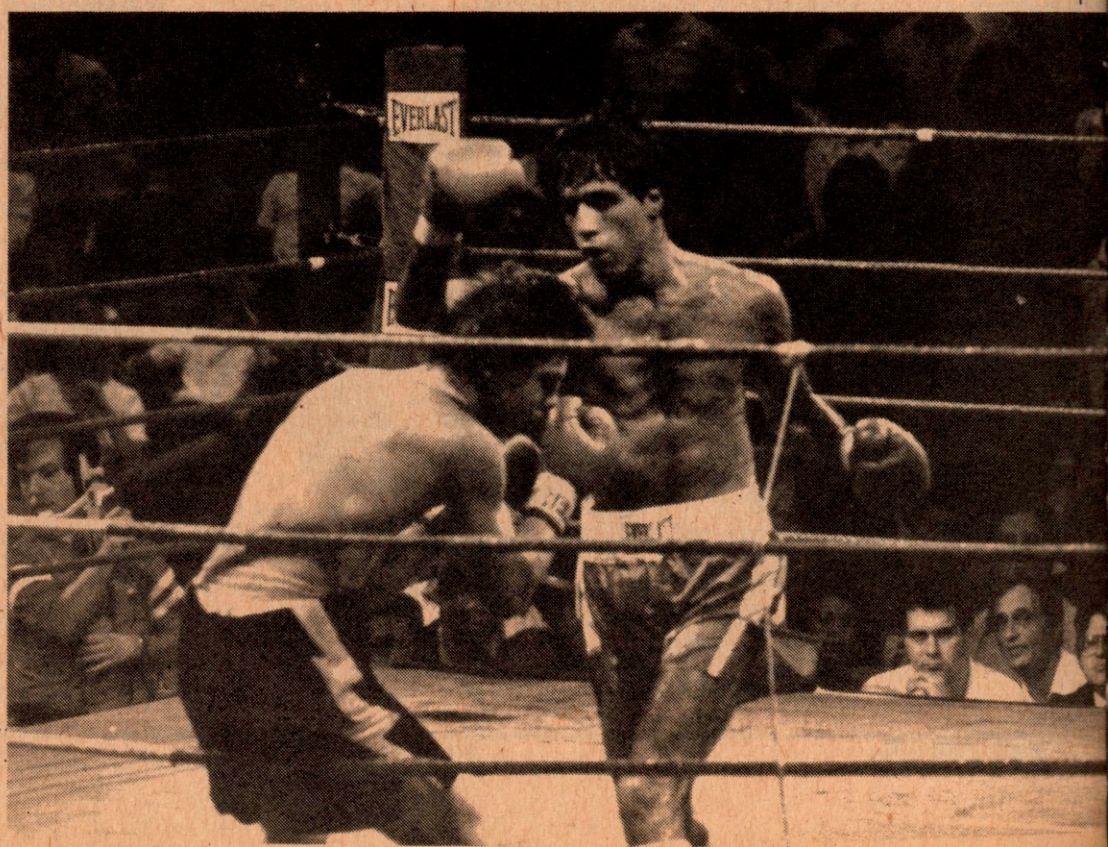


CHANG-TOKASHIKI

WBC Junior Flyweight Title

POHANG, KOREA—JUNG-koo Chang, 107½, the "Korean Hawk," retained his WBC light flyweight title by stopping former WBA title holder Katsuo Tokashiki, 107¾, Japan, at 1:47 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12-frame bout.

The fireworks started in the first round, when Tokashiki nailed the champ to the ropes with a flurry of punches. Chang retaliated with both fists, and floored the challenger with a wicked left hook to the temple. It was the first time Tokashiki had ever been decked.

Chang punched the challenger at will for the remainder of the session, and continued the assault throughout round two.

Tokashiki went on his bicycle in the third inning, and made Chang miss frequently. In the fourth frame, Tokashiki scored with a good right, and the champ reeled to the ropes. Once again, however, the Korean Hawk fought back with everything he had. Incessant punches to the face and body won the round for Chang, who followed up by dominating the fifth session.

Both men missed a lot of punches in the sixth round, but Chang really turned the heat on in the seventh. A solid right made Tokashiki stagger, and three dozen heavy punches had him reeling from one post to another.

Chang took a necessary breather in the eighth. The end came in the ninth, when the Korean caught Katsuo with a hard right to the face. The Japanese retired to the ropes on rubbery legs, and Chang connected with a triple right that had him helpless. Referee Steve Crosson of Texas grabbed Chang's body and declared a halt.

"Tokashiki has a lot of stamina," said Chang. "I got so exhausted that I felt like giving up. But I fought on; I didn't want to disappoint my fans."

Chang, who may have to move up to the 112-pound weight class, was so exhausted after the fight that he knelt down in the ring. His log is now 25-1 with 12 knockouts. Tokashiki dropped to 19-4-2 with four kayoes.

Americans may get to see Chang if he is still active when the 1988 Olympic Games are held in Seoul, Korea. If so, they'll see a "hawk" more furious than Aaron Pryor.

Kukdong Productions.
Telecast by KBS in Korea and by TBS in Japan.
Attendance—8,500 (estimated).
(08-18-84)

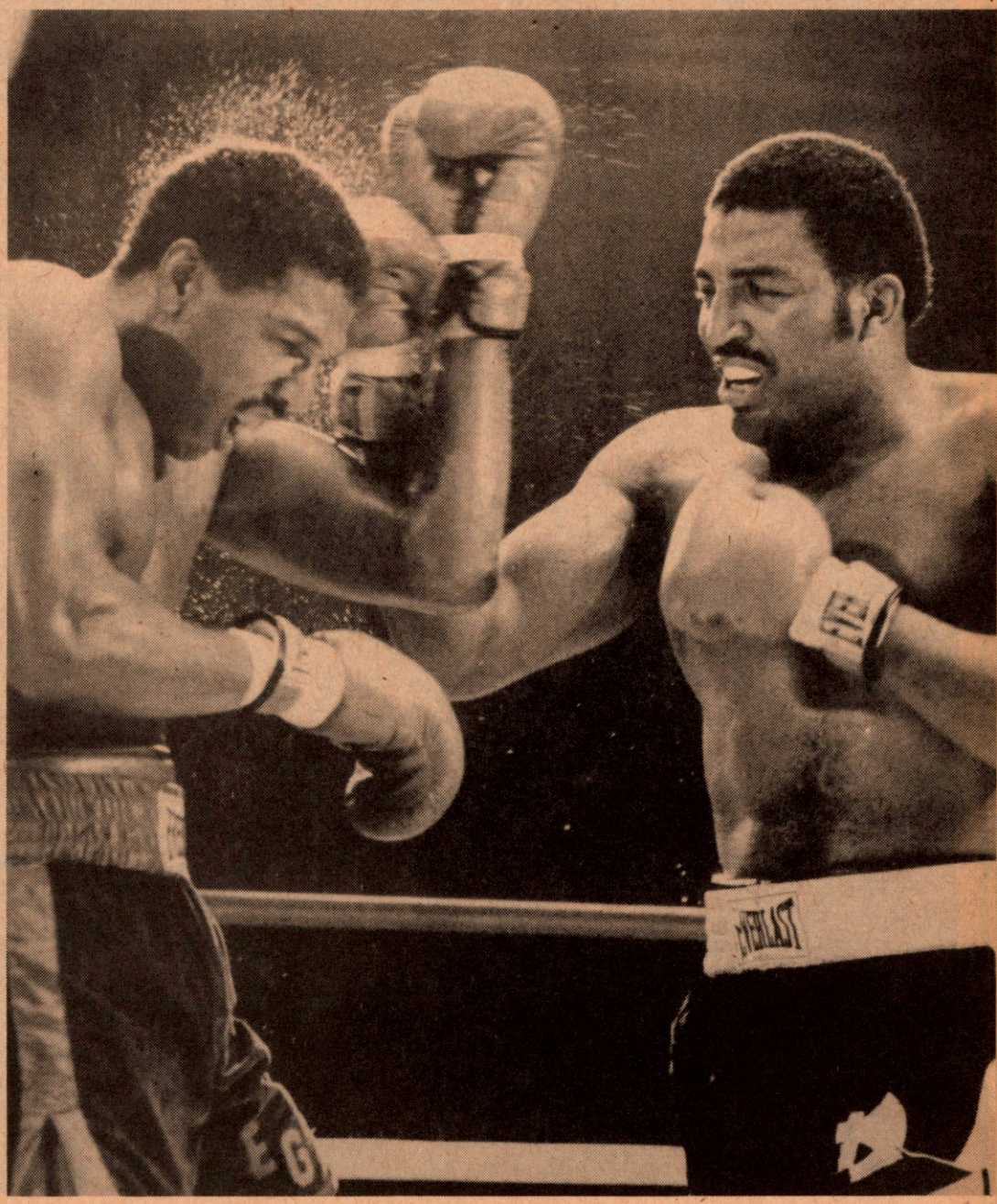
JOE KOIZUMI

BROAD-GREGG

Vacant NABF Heavyweight Title

NEW YORK, N.Y.—James (Broadaxe) Broad, 246, Atlantic City, N.J., won the vacant North American Boxing Federation heavyweight title by stopping Eddie Gregg, 212, Kew Gardens, New York, at 0:48 of the eighth session in a scheduled 12-round bout at the Felt Forum.

The fight, which capped one of the best evenings of boxing at the Forum in this writer's memory, saw the undefeated Gregg (the Forum's chief "house heavyweight") up against a "live" opponent for what was probably the first time in his 21-bout career. He started cautiously, and was an easy mark for Broad's left in the first three rounds. The fourth saw Broadaxe bring his right hand into play. And then a curious thing happened.



Eddie Gregg stopped being afraid. Despite the fact that Broad outweighed him by 34 pounds (Gregg had been fed a fairly steady diet of cruiserweights at the Felt Forum), and was the first "name" fighter Gregg had faced, it had become apparent that his punches, heavy though they were, could not severely damage Eddie. Gregg had had a look at Broad's right in the fourth round, and was singularly unimpressed.

So it was that, in the fifth round, Eddie took command. A solid left jab, followed by a hard right to the body, paved the way for Eddie's combinations. Gregg then doubled up on his jab and followed through with right hands. The fifth round was his.

Eddie also won the sixth round. Broad did manage to launch a brief body attack, but Gregg's rights gave him the edge in the frame. Then came the seventh.

Hard rights by Eddie finally drove Broad into Gregg's own corner, where the New York fighter hammered him for a full minute. A right uppercut by Broad was the last solid punch of the session, but Broadaxe had lost the round by a wide margin.

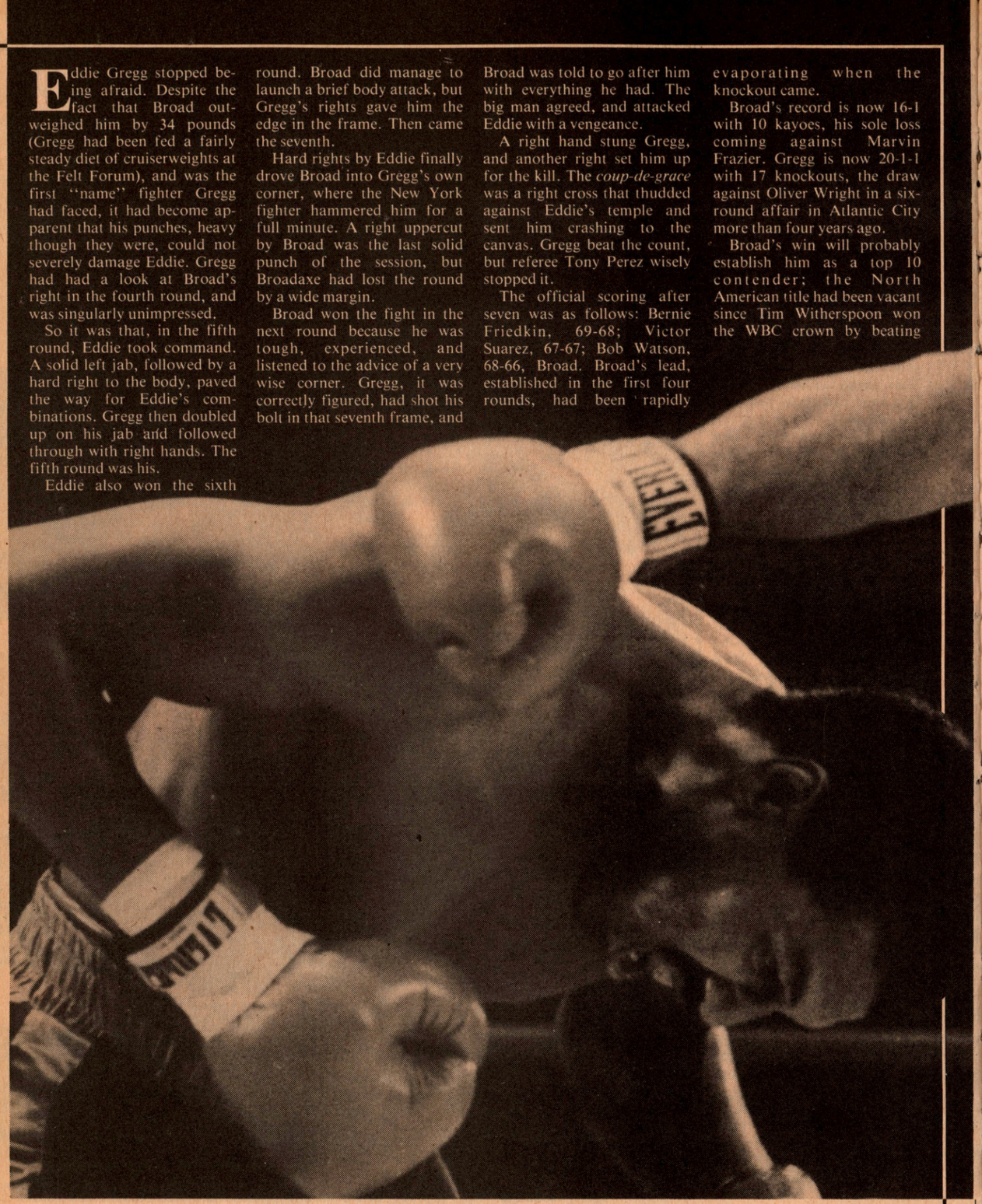
Broad won the fight in the next round because he was tough, experienced, and listened to the advice of a very wise corner. Gregg, it was correctly figured, had shot his bolt in that seventh frame, and Broad was told to go after him with everything he had. The big man agreed, and attacked Eddie with a vengeance.

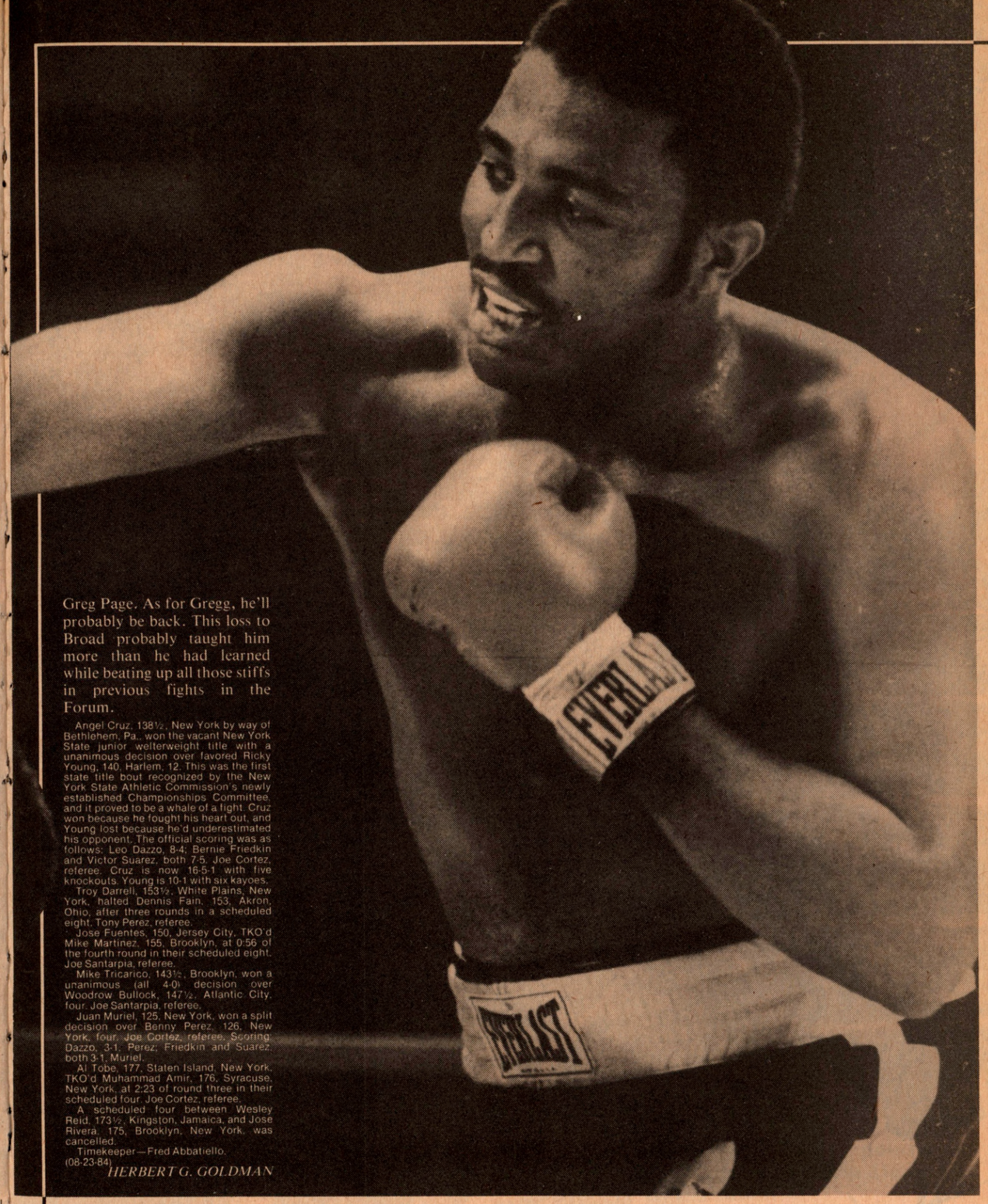
A right hand stung Gregg, and another right set him up for the kill. The *coup-de-grace* was a right cross that thudded against Eddie's temple and sent him crashing to the canvas. Gregg beat the count, but referee Tony Perez wisely stopped it.

The official scoring after seven was as follows: Bernie Friedkin, 69-68; Victor Suarez, 67-67; Bob Watson, 68-66, Broad. Broad's lead, established in the first four rounds, had been rapidly evaporating when the knockout came.

Broad's record is now 16-1 with 10 kayoes, his sole loss coming against Marvin Frazier. Gregg is now 20-1-1 with 17 knockouts, the draw against Oliver Wright in a six-round affair in Atlantic City more than four years ago.

Broad's win will probably establish him as a top 10 contender; the North American title had been vacant since Tim Witherspoon won the WBC crown by beating Greg Page. As for Gregg, he'll probably be back. This loss to Broad probably taught him more than he had learned while beating up all those stiffs in previous fights in the Forum.





Angel Cruz, 138½, New York by way of Bethlehem, Pa., won the vacant New York State junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over favored Ricky Young, 140, Harlem, 12. This was the first state title bout recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission's newly established Championships Committee, and it proved to be a whale of a fight. Cruz won because he fought his heart out, and Young lost because he'd underestimated his opponent. The official scoring was as follows: Leo Dazzo, 8-4; Bernie Friedkin and Victor Suarez, both 7-5. Joe Cortez, referee. Cruz is now 16-5-1 with five knockouts. Young is 10-1 with six kayoes.

Troy Darrell, 153½, White Plains, New York, halted Dennis Fain, 153, Akron, Ohio, after three rounds in a scheduled eight. Tony Perez, referee.

Jose Fuentes, 150, Jersey City, TKO'd Mike Martinez, 155, Brooklyn, at 0:56 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Mike Tricarico, 143½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous (all 4-0) decision over Woodrow Bullock, 147½, Atlantic City, four. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Juan Muriel, 125, New York, won a split decision over Benny Perez, 126, New York, four. Joe Cortez, referee. Scoring: Dazzo, 3-1, Perez; Friedkin and Suarez both 3-1, Muriel.

Al Tobe, 177, Staten Island, New York, TKO'd Muhammad Amir, 176, Syracuse, New York, at 2:23 of round three in their scheduled four. Joe Cortez, referee.

A scheduled four between Wesley Reid, 173½, Kingston, Jamaica, and Jose Rivera, 175, Brooklyn, New York, was cancelled.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(08-23-84)

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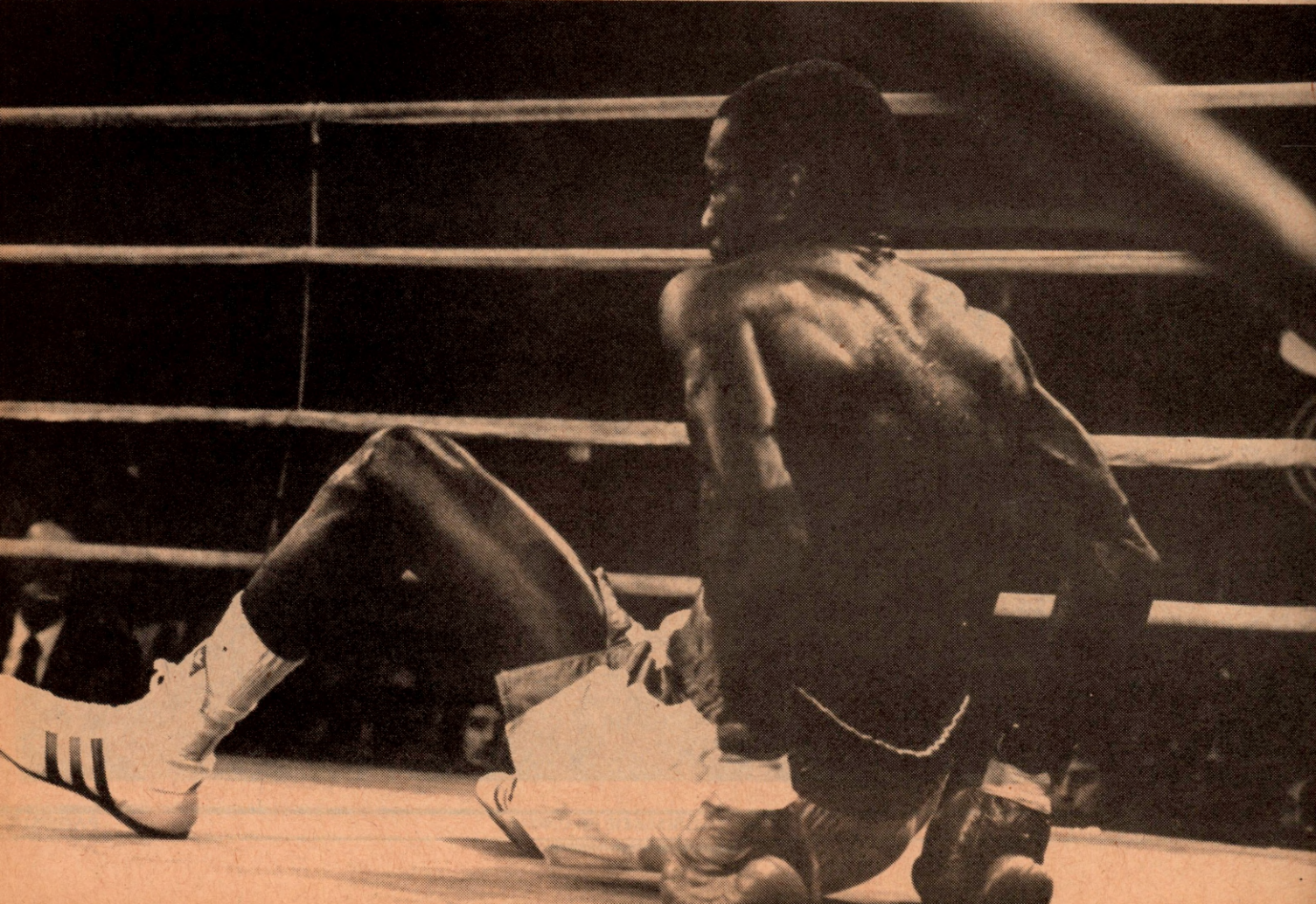
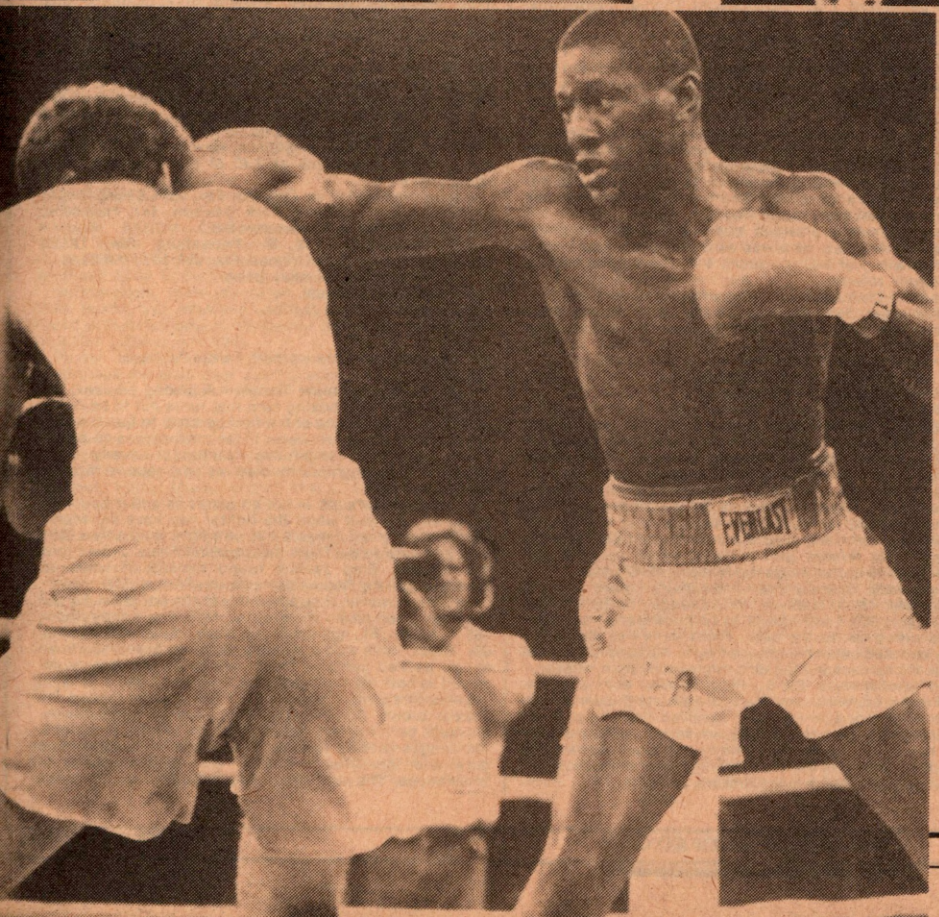




"BUMP CITY" SUCCESSFULLY MOVES INTO THE WELTERWEIGHT DIVISION

After losing his WBA junior welterweight crown to Gene Hatcher in June, Johnny Bumphus, saying he was having too much trouble making 140 pounds, moved up to the welterweight division. In his first fight since the loss, Bumphus had an easy time in winning a 10-round unanimous decision over Ralph Twinning in Atlantic City. Save for a flash knockdown in the sixth round when he was off-balance, the fight was all Bumphus and his quick hands piling up point after point. Bumphus' record is now 23-1.

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

EDITED BY HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

►**SAN JOSE—Civic Auditorium**—Middleweight contender James (The Heat) Kinchen looked a bit short of his world class rating as he struggled against inactive Erwin Williams before scoring a convincing ninth round knockout in the main event. Kinchen, San Diego, clearly got more lumps than he expected, before landing two right hands that stretched Williams out flat.

This was hardly a fight the 23-year-old Kinchen needed. Rated number three in the world by *The Ring*, and the WBC and WBA, Kinchen eventually should get a shot at the title and finally earn a good paycheck. Williams, 160, from Oakland, punched a few holes in Kinchen's lofty reputation, catching him with jabs while making him miss with wild swings. At the end of the third round Williams started a shoving match with Kinchen's cornermen that caused a minor ruckus around ringside. Later, Williams, his record now 18-4-1, was fined and suspended by the state commission.

Kinchen, 162, upped his pro record to 34-0-1 and will likely next meet Fred Hutchins in the same auditorium. Although referee Vern Bybee lost all control of the fight, Kinchen did not put on a performance that is likely to lose Marvin Hagler a minute's worth of sleep.

The card was promoted by J&J Sports of San Jose. A disappointing crowd of some 850 paying customers showed up for what was a fierce and rough fight.

In the undercard; talented Adrian Arreola, Los Angeles won a unanimous decision over Kevin Lampkins, 10. Arreola, 127, is now 25-5, while Lampkins, 126, L.A., is now 18-10-2.

In another 10-rounder, Martin Quiroz, 135, San Jose, won a close unanimous decision over tough Blaine Dickson in a very exciting fight. Dickson, also 135, now out of San Jose, fought his heart out, but then so did Quiroz. Dickson is now 21-5, while Quiroz is 23-2 and headed for main-event status.

In a four rounder between featherweights, Andre Smith, Los Angeles stopped Jose Rodriquez, San Jose in the second round.

Finally, Scott Fuscio, San Diego won a unanimous four round decision over Vernon Glendon, San Jose ian what was the pro debut for both light heavyweights.

►**SACRAMENTO—Civic Auditorium**—Former two-time world champion Bobby Chacon knows there are certain disadvantages to being a "name fighter." Unheralded opponent Carlton Sparrow came gunning for Chacon with both fists blazing, and for a while he put up a game effort, hanging tough, until Chacon finally knocked him out with a series of combinations to the head in the fifth round.

"He was really up to fight me," Bobby said later. "I give him a lot of credit. When someone knows who you are they really get inspired and fight their best. I took my time, loosened him up, then got him."

A near capacity crowd was on its feet for most of the main-event, all of them cheering for the 33-year old Chacon. Sparrow, 135, Las Vegas, was once a promising fighter, but was supposed to have a weak chin. But not this night. Nicknamed "Two-Gun," Carlton looked the part as he tore after Chacon from the opening bell and Carlton actually won the first round.

Though fighting with inspiration, Sparrow's fate was all but sealed early in the second round as Chacon tapped into his vast ring experience and began smashing hooks into his opponent's midsection. Bobby made it look more dangerous for himself than it really was, but then nobody has ever accused him of not playing to his audience. It took a few rounds, but Sparrow was softened up, nailed on the chin, steadily marched down the plank. Chacon finally dropped him in the fifth and seconds later finished him off against the ropes.

Inactive for five months since losing to Ray Mancini by a TKO in Reno, Chacon, 135, came back and pushed his record to 54-7-1 over his 12 year career. One of the most underrated of modern world champions, Chacon was stripped of his junior lightweight crown by the WBC last year and now stays in the game waiting for just one more big fight. The crowd went berserk for every move Chacon made, such style.

Promoter Babe Griffin grossed over $30,000 at the gate, and he certainly couldn't have found a better opponent for the local hero.

In the undercard; Dennis Alexio, 176, Vacaville, scored a second round knockout of Phil Rosas, 174½, Los Angeles, in a scheduled six.

Tommy Richardson, 153, San Francisco, won a hairline unanimous decision over Duane Jaminson, 152, Stockton, six.

Finally, Frank Favio, 125, Mt. View, won a unanimous decision six, over Alex Gilvan, 126, Bakersfield.

CHRISTOPHER COATS

►**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Grover Robinson, 179¾, Fremont, stopped Darrell Hackett, 183¼, Torrance, in 1:45 of the third in a scheduled 10-round Forum cruiserweight tournament bout. Hackett did well early, but fell apart after being hurt in the third. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Ex-Forum heavyweight champion Henry Hearns, 188, Lancaster, unanimously outpointed James Williams, 183, Portland, in another cruiserweight elimination fight. Williams did not offer much opposition after being thumbed and floored in the third. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 99-93; judge Chuck Hassett, 98-91; judge Armando Muniz, 99-94.

One punch delivered just seconds into the opening round was enough to convince referee Hassett that the much publicized 7'2" heavyweight Thomas Payne was more hype than fighter. Unknown Ricky Reese, 224¾, Los Angeles, like Payne a knockout winner in his first bout, but without a fight in exactly one year, stopped Payne, 271¾, Los Angeles, in just 0:51 of the first in a scheduled six. Payne got up after a left sent him crashing through the ropes, but was careening out of control across the ring soon after.

In an even bigger upset, Billy Smith, 145¼, Boston, halted previously unbeaten Forum welterweight champion Rudy Hernandez, 148¾, Los Angeles, who was retired by his corner at the end of the eighth in their scheduled 10. Hernandez had knocked out Smith in eight last year, but this time he lost every round. Hassett, referee.

Also reversing a previous loss was Rogelio Martinez, 112¼, Los Angeles, who was awarded a very close split decision win over Yuki Horiuchi, 114, Huntington Beach, four. Muniz, referee.

Debuting Dino Ramirez, 125, La Puente, won a majority decision over Sam Espinosa, 126, Santa Paula, four. Scoring: referee Muniz, 39-38; judge Hassett, 38-38; judge Rosadilla, 39-37.

Aaron Koslow, timekeeper
Dr. Michael DeLuca, ringside physician
Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcer
(08-27-84)

►**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Danny Lopez, 153½, Orange, gained revenge for his only loss as a pro when Marcos Jacobo, 156, Los Angeles, emerged from a close quarter exchange bleeding from a deep gash over the corner of his left eye, the referee intervening on the advice of ringside physician Dr. Michael DeLuca in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Jacobo, down but not hurt in the first, was behind but making up the deficit when cut. Scoring through five: referee Kenny Davis, 48-48; judge Frank Rustich, 48-46 Lopez; judge Hal Rickard, 49-47 Lopez.

There were long periods of inactivity before Lopez's stablemate, Mark Mahone, 197, Orange, flattened Ron Richardson, 189, Los Angeles, in 1:13 of the sixth and final round with a left to the head. Richardson had also been badly knocked out in his previous fight. Mahone reversed a loss to Richardson but failed to impress. Rustich, referee.

Ted Michaliszyn, 135½, Pico Rivera, won a close unanimous decision over Marcos Anthony Esquival, 139, North Hollywood, in a well received six. One point deducted from the score of Esquival for an intentional butt cost him a draw on my card. The once-beaten Michaliszyn was down briefly in the first. Scoring: referee Rustich, 57-56; judge Davis, 58-53; judge Rickard, 60-56.

Top trainer Jesse Reid, now associated with Josephine Abercrombie's Houston Boxing Association, brought in unbeaten Mark Perea, 126, Albuquerque, who struggled to a unanimous decision over tough luck Rafael Gudino, 126, Santa Maria, five. Gudino finished well, but the hustling Perea just deserved his win. Scoring: referee Davis, 49-47; judge Rustich, 48-47; judge Rickard, 49-47.

Randy Ortega, 117½, Canoga Park, took a four-round split points win over previously unbeaten Tranquilino Rodriguez, 117¾, North Hollywood, but I thought the more aggressive Rodriguez deserved a draw. The only blemish on Ortega's record is an earlier draw with Rodriguez. Scoring: referee Davis, 39-38, Rodriguez; judge Rustich, 39-37, Ortega; judge Rickard, 39-37, Ortega.

Art Lizarraga, 146, San Bernardino, and Ricky Santana, 144, Carson, opened the show with a four-round draw. I again disagreed with the scoring of San Diego officials Rustich, 38-38, and Rickard, 39-38 Santana. Referee Davis favored Lizarraga, 40-37.

Alex Garcia, timekeeper.
Bill Caplan, ring announcer.
(08-29-84)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

►**TAMPA—Hyatt Regency Ballroom**—Former WBC junior lightweight champion cornelius Boza-Edwards, 135¼, TKO'd Guy Villegas, also 135¼, Eugene, Oregon, at 1:55 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. It was a classic example of the young kid on his way up being matched against a former champ who is believed to have seen better days.

Unfortunately for Villegas, Boza forgot to read the script. The bout started in brisk fashion, with Guy throwing punches in rapid combinations. However, it was Boza-Edwards' punches to the body that proved to be the deciding factor. In the seventh, Boza put a little tarnish on "Golden Guy," flooring him twice and battering him at will when the referee intervened. Boza's record is now 40-5. Villegas dropped to 17-2.

In the co-feature, Tyrone (Butterly) Crawley, 137½, Philadelphia, won a one-sided victory over Ruben Herasme, 134, Miami, Fla. The butterly is one of nature's most beautiful creatures, elegant in appearance and rhymthmic in its movements. In this bout, Crawley lived up to his nickname. Entering the ring in black satin trunks and colorful footwear, he put on an impressive display of hand and foot speed, punishing Herasme so severely that Ruben was unable to answer the bell for round eight. Crawley is now 16-1 with five knockouts. Herasme is 15-9.

Curtis Summitt, 145, Joliet, Illinois, TKO'd Ira Robinson, 140, Tampa, in the fourth round. Summitt is now 5-0.

Chris Reed, 167½, Little Silver, New Jersey, TKO'd Ron Ayres, 159½, Cleveland, at 2:40 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Harvey Hester, 141½, Orlando, Fla., won a hard fought unanimous decision over Rick Dawson, 141, Hartsville, S.C. Hester is now 8-0. Dawson is 9-6.

Roberto Medina, 139, St. Petersburg, Fla., TKO'd Chauncy Johnson, 135, Orlando, Fla., at 1:10 of the third.

Ring Announcer—M. Mark Beiro.
Promoter—Phil Alessi.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,200.
NBC-TV.
Commentators—Marv Albert, Ferdie Pacheco.
(06-17-84)

►**TAMPA—Egypt Shrine Temple**—A boxing paradox: if a promoter puts on a boxing card that turns out to be rather dull or uneventfull one of the first persons to feel the heat is the matchmaker. However if the card proves to be exciting, filled with competitive matches, it usually is the promoter or the fighters themselves who receive most of the accolades.

A matchmaker's job is not an easy one and it becomes especially difficult when the fighter you have scheduled for the main event cancels out with fight time only a little over 24 hours away. Thats the situation Alessi promotions matchmaker, Brad Jacobs found himself in when Jr. Welterweight Kel Robins came down with a sudden virus.

Jacobs, however, rose admirably to the occasion. He put together a ten round main event, featuring Kenny Snow, 161½, Miami, Fl., against Ricky Stackhouse, 162, Atlanta, Ga., Stackhouse won a majority decision over Snow in an action packed contest. There was very little finesse involved as both men took turns beating up on one another.

Snow threw more punches but Stackhouse landed the heavier blows. Surprisingly there were no knockdowns, although both fighters were rocked on several occasions. The judges scoring was close with one having it a 96-96 draw and the other two 97-96 and 97-95 in favor of Stackhouse. The win upped Stackhouse's record to 9-1

while Snow dropped to 16-2.

Now, if Jacobs would use the same kind of skill in putting together his undercards as he does the main event he could turn out to be one hell of a matchmaker.

A scheduled eight rounder saw "cowboy" Don Shiver, 154, Tampa, Fl., Darryl Thames, 154, Wilmington, N.C. in 2:34 of the eighth round. Shiver's record is now 13-0 while Thames fell to 9-4.

Robert Pew, 160, Tampa, Fl., had an easy time of it in scoring a TKo over Robert Soencer, 155, Sarasota, Fl., in 2:54 of the second round. Pew's record is now 12-0 with 8 kayoes while Soencer's is 7-6

Frankie Randell 138, Morristown, Tenn., TKO'd Jose Rentas, 138, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 1:38 of the second round. Rentas was totally outclassed Randall is now 15-0 with 13 kayoes while Rentas is 12-9.

Curtis Summitt, 145, Joliet, Il. won a unanimous decision in six over Leland Hart, 145, Atlanta, Ga. Summitt is now 6-0.

Michael Gambel 138½, Miami, Fl., scored a KO at 1:16 of the fourth round over Miguel Falero, 140, Ft. Myers, Fl. A left hook to the temple put Falero down, and when he arose, he was met by a barrage that put him down and out. Gambel is now 7-0.

Roberto Medina, 132½, St. Petersburg, Fl., took a close but unanimous decision over David Taylor, 137, Atlanta, Ga. Four. Medina is now 5-0 with four kayoes; Taylor's first loss made him 3-1.

Ring Announcer—M. Mark Beiro.
Promoter—Phil Alessi.
Matchmaker—Brad Jacobs.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated).
USA Cable Network.
Commentators—Al Albert, Randy Gordon.
(06-21-84)

JUSTIN LAWRENCE

►**MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton**—Cardenio Ulloa, 118, Chile, TKO'd Edgar Muniz, 118½, Mexico, at 2:09 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Bernie Soto, referee. Ulloa is now 30-0-1.

Juvenal Ordenes, 128, Chile, stopped Carlos Albuerne, also 128, Miami, who could not come out for the eighth session. Ordenes is now 31-1. Bill Conners, referee.

Elvis Parks, 174, Chicago, TKO'd Chris Wells, 179½, Orlando, Flria, at 1:40of the ift round in a scheduled six.

Joe Martinez, 129½, West Palm Beach, and Sam Johnson, 129½, Orlando, drew, four.

Claudia Goldstein, 165, Miami, TKO'd Vince Daniels, also 165, Miami, at 1:58 of the third round in a scheduled four. Bernie Soto, referee. Both were making their pro debuts.

%Robert Daniels, 173, Miami, TKO'd Randy Armstrong, 172, West Palm Beach, at 1:10 of the second in their scheduled four.

Promoter—Felix Zabala.
Attendance—950 (estimated).
(07-31-84)

►**MIAMI BEACH—Convention Center**—Robin Blake, 135½, Texas, won a unanimous decision over Edwin Curet, 135¼, Brockton, Mass., 10. The scores were 96-94, 96-95 and 98-92. Eddie Eckert, referee. Blake is now 25-2.

Robbie Sims, 159½, Brockton, Mass., stopped veteran Mike Baker, 160, Washington, D.C., at 2:30 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. Bernie Soto, referee. Sims is now 22-3-1. Baker is 37-19-3.

Dexter Smith, 144½, Homestead, Florida, won a unanimous decision over Juan Cruces, 144, Chile, eight. Bill Conners, referee. The best fight of the night, no question.

Jose Ribalta, 216½, Miami, stopped Nate Robinson, 198, Hollywood, with a terrific right to the chin in 2:05 of the second in a scheduled eight. Bernie Soto, referee.

Daryl Robinson, 160¼, Fort Worth, Texas, TKO'd Dexter Bowman, 159½, Miami, at 2:03 of the second round in a scheduled six. Billy Yohan, referee. Bowman was floored twice.

Mickey Womack, 164½, Miami, and Sonny Jones, 160, Miami, drew, four. Womack was making his pro debut. Bill Conners, referee.

Willie Ruffin, 167, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Bryan Miller, 173, New York, four.

Top Rank, Inc., and Chris Dundee.
Public Relations—Hank Kaplan.
Announcer—Frank Freeman.
Attendance—1,350.
(07-26-84)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

NEVADA

►**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino**—Teenager Dio Colome avenged an earlier loss to Eric (The Prince) Martin and captured the ESPN welterweight championship by majority decision.

But it took him a while to do it. A total of 13 rounds to be exact.

What's this, 13 rounds?

Yeah, the two had fought to a draw through the regulation 12 rounds and because of a rules change requested by ESPN, a 13th and decisive round was allowed by the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Colome won that round easily, proving, if nothing else, that his stamina was better that night.

Colome, who dropped a 12-round split decision to Martin in June, built up an early lead but then saw it slip away. Martin forced the extra round by winning the 12th on two of the three judges' scorecards. Judge Duane Ford had Colome winning 116-113 through 12, judge Jerry Roth had Martin ahead 115-114 through 12 and judge Dalby Shirely had it 114-114 through 12.

In a toe-to-toe 13th round, Colome proved to be the stronger of the two and won the round and the fight and the title.

Colome, 146¾, Hawthorne, Calif., now has a record of 15-2 while Martin, 144¾, San Francisco, has a mark of 15-4-2.

In the semi-main scheduled for 10 rounds, junior lightweight Freddie Roach had an easy time with Joe Ruelaz, stopping him by technical knockout at 2:45 of the fourth.

Roach, once a world-ranked super bantamweight, dropped Ruelaz early in the fourth with a right to the head and then finished it with a right uppercut to the chin.

Roach, 130½, Las Vegas, Nev., now has a record of 35-6 while Ruelaz, 128½, Orange, Calif., has a mark of 13-2.

In other bouts, all scheduled for six rounds: welterweight Picka Vaoifi, 148, Long Beach, Calif., took a majority decision over Stacy Toomer, 148¾, Las Vegas, Nev.; junior welterweight Rollin Williams, 140½, Phoenix, stopped Juan Gaxiola, 142, Los Angeles, by technical knockout at 1:07 of the first; junior lightweight Roberto Cantu, 129¼, Las Vegas, Nev., took a unanimous decision over Rubin Maldonado, 126¾, Los Angeles; and bantamweight Larry Gary, 118¾, Phoenix, and Gilbert Davila, 117½, Pomona, Calif., younger brother of Alberto Davila, drew.
(08-09-84)

JIM HUNTER

NEW JERSEY

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—The only thing Robin Blake established conclusively in squeaking out a narrow split decision over Thomas Baker is that his future remains a question mark. Blake, 136, Levelland, TX, came out almost carelessly, as though he intended to make short work of Baker, 136, Wash., DC. But though lightly regarded as a puncher, Baker surprised by rocking "Rockin' Robin" into the ropes with a right in the first round, serving notice that the Texan might be in for a long night. But in the next few rounds, Thomas turned into the cautious boxer he's notorious for being, while Robin was no ball of fire following him around. Blake built up a lead by being the aggressor in some close rounds, but wasn't very effective until past midway in the fight.

Then, just when it seemed the favorite might take command and pull away, an inspired underdog roared back with an aggressive final three rounds that made it too close to call. Robin was tiring and getting slapped silly when he finally landed the bomb he'd been looking for all night, a left that hurt Baker just before the end of the 10th and final round. But it was too late to save Blake from the embarrassment of having a life-and-death struggle against a guy with barely a .500 record. Judge John Stewart scored for Baker 5-4-1, while Eva Shain and Thomas Kaczmarek tipped it to Robin, both 6-4. Joe Cortez refereed.

The winner conceded his victory was tainted, blaming it on an injured left hand stemming from a sparring session. But he seemed to be missing the point. All he was looking for was the knockout. "If the hand was healthy, I would have knocked him out," he alibied. But injury aside, he trailed the upstart around the ring, lunged with his punches, and barely noticed the body. Asked if he'd selected Baker to sharpen up against moving boxers, the type he's had trouble with lately, he said no, he just took what ESPN offered. It turned out Baker offered him a lot less.

Osvaldo Acevedo, 120¾, Colombia via Miami, upset Harold Petty, 120½, Ft. Worth, on a cut-eye TKO, after four rounds of a scheduled 10. Petty looked sharp for three rounds, but in the fourth, was hit by a straight right that opened a vicious cut over his left eye, preventing him from coming out for the fifth. Petty's manager, Dave Gorman, claimed Acevedo had caught him with an elbow on the follow-through. Cortez refereed.

In a sensational brawl, Bruce "The Mouse" Strauss, 151, Neola, Iowa, and Danny Ferris, 147½, Latham, NY, drew, eight. Bruce coasted early, then seemed to realize his 17-0 opponent wasn't equal to his built-up record. When a right haymaker wobbled Ferris in the third, it looked like a mistake (Bruce is known to be kind to young hopefuls), as Strauss raged like a bull and punched himself in the face, but threw no serious followups. But in the second half, the Mouse became a lion, battering Ferris with haymakers that had him corkscrewing around the ring in almost every round. Danny was out on the ropes when the bell ended it. Eva Shain voted correctly, 5-3 Strauss, but Steward scored 4-4 (What about *points*, John? Ferris was staggered in half the rounds.), and Kaczmarek 4-3-1 Ferris, evidently crediting Danny for the punches Strauss landed on himself. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Mike "Machine Gun" Mungin, 146½, Mt. Royal, NJ, easily TKO'd Ocee Harper, 140, DC, with one knockdown, at 0:59 of the second, scheduled six. Ref, Hazzard.

Gary Lightbourne, 215, Oceanside, NY, got a majority decision over Melvin Epps, 196½, NYC, in a yawner, six. Ref, Hazzard.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—1000 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Mike Buffer.
(06-06-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—The comic-book career of former World (or is that "White"?) Athletic Ass'n "heavyweight champion" Monte Masters has taken, for him, a decidedly un-funny turn lately. First he was "stripped" of his "title" by former father-in-law, and WAA founder, Pat O'Grady, after divorcing Pat's daughter. Monte must surely be the first "champion" to be defrocked for ducking a woman. Jackie Tonawanda, take heart! Next, he moved to the East Coast, under "advisor" Paul Corvino, and apparently found the competition a bit tougher than what he was used to in the Midwest.

"I'm not afraid to admit that some of my wins were against guys off the street," Monte confessed. He then proceeded to be thoroughly thrashed by unknown Bernard Benton, who is barely a cruiserweight. Masters, 206, Hartshorne, Okla., and Benton, 192, Detroit, waged a monotonous, but bitterly-fought, struggle, leaning on each other and slugging away. Neither had the footwork to do anything else, but Monte, oddly, was unable to make any use of his size advantage. Benton put his body behind his punches, while Masters didn't, and was worn down. At 1:51 of the eighth, in a scheduled 10, with Masters not particularly hurt, but hopelessly behind and getting belted without return, ref Zack Clayton suddenly stepped in and called it a night for the ex-champ.

Sleeper Bruce Williams, 142¾, Palmyra, NJ, trying to get his career back in gear, scored an easy TKO over Allen Braswell (who had taken Bruce to a close decision two years ago), 145¾, Brooklyn, at 1:59 of the second, scheduled eight. Braswell was twice dropped by sneak right leads, and after the second, seemed to indicate to ref Ted Pick that he was through, possibly ending a once-promising career.

Tomas DaCruz, 135½, Sao Paulo, Brazil, via NYC, dropped and TKO'd a worn out Glover Washington, 139, Bklyn., at 2:46 of the fourth, scheduled six. Ref, Zack.

Anthony English, 129¼, Camden, and Tony Saladin, 130¼, Newark, battled to a draw in a wild crowd-pleaser, six. The sharper-boxing English had slugger Saladin ready to fall in the second, and appeared on his way to victory until rocked by a wild right haymaker in the fifth, then floored by a left hook in the sixth. All three judges voted 3-3, though Lederman had Tony ahead on points. Ref, Pick.

C.B. Mustafa, 134½, Detroit, scored a unanimous win over debuting Mike Brown, 128, Phila. (not to be confused with the main-eventer who fought Ken Bogner and Charlie Brown), in a good four. Ref, Steve Smoger.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—983.
Judges—Harold Lederman, Frank Cairo, Al DeVito.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(06-12-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Elsinore's Atlantis (formerly Playboy) Hotel & Casino**—Stung by the furor over a group of Carolinians who exited early on a recent show, promoter Joe Hand added matchmaker Ron Katz and got nearly an all-upset card for his effort. The main event, hastily arranged when the entire original top fell apart, produced a shocker. Myron Taylor, 126½, Phila., blew an IBF featherweight title shot when he lost a unanimous decision to Antonio Nieves, 126, Paterson, 10. With the title bout cinched, Taylor was in the gym when the call came in, and decided he could use the work. It was a mistake. Myron took the lead early, but failed to assert himself in a dull workout. Midway through, southpaw

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
2. Pnklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Mike Weaver (California)
5. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
6. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
7. Greg Page (Kentucky)
8. James Smith (N. Carolina)
9. James Broad (New Jersey)
10. John Tate (Tennessee)
11. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
12. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
13. Carl Williams (New York)
14. Jeff Sims (Florida)
15. Eddie Gregg (New York)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. Dwight Qawi (New Jersey)
3. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
6. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
7. John Davis (New York)
8. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
9. Pete McIntyre (California)
10. Richie Kates (Pennsylvania)
11. David Sears (New York)
12. Prince Mama Mohammad (California)
13. Anthony Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
14. Tim Broady (New York)
15. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
2. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
3. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
4. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
5. S.T. Gordon (California)
6. Alfonso Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Henry Hearns (California)
8. Marvin Camel (Montana)
9. Leroy Murphy (Illinois)
10. Randy Stephens (Texas)
11. Elijah Tillery (New York)
12. Bashiru Ali (California)
13. Alvaro Lopez (California)
14. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
15. Grover Robinson (California)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Marvelous Marvin Hagler (Massachusetts)
2. Mustafa Hamsho (New York)
3. James Kinchen (California)
4. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
5. Don Lee (Indiana)
6. Alex Ramos (New York)
7. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
8. Doug DeWitt (New York)
9. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
10. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
11. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
12. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
13. Andre Cooper (New Jersey)
14. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
15. John C iins (Illinois)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
3. Mike McCallum (New York)
4. Fred Hutchings (California)
5. David Braxton (Michigan)
6. Davey Moore (New York)
7. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
8. James Green (New Jersey)
9. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
10. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
11. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
12. Darnell Knox (Michigan)
13. Duane Thomas (Michigan)
14. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
15. Mardo Roybal (California)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
3. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
4. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
5. Maurice Blocker (Washington, D.C.)
6. Pedro Vilella (New York)
7. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
8. Robert Rucker (New York)
9. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
10. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
11. Lupe Aquino (California)
12. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
13. Pablo Baez (California)
14. Billy Smith (Massachusetts)
15. Rudy Hernandez (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
2. Billy Costello (New York)
3. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
6. Saoul Mamby (New York)
7. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
8. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
9. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
10. Hedgemon Robertson (California)
11. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
12. Jerome Kinney (Michigan)
13. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
14. Kel Robin (Florida)
15. Bruce Curry (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Livingston Bramble (New Jersey)
3. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
4. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
5. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
6. Howard Davis (New York)
7. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
8. Terrance Alli (New York)
9. Charles Brown (New Jersey)
10. Anthony Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
11. Charlie Brown (Pennsylvania)
12. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
13. Robin Blake (Texas)
14. Juan Ramon Cruz (New York)
15. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
3. Bobby Chacon (California)
4. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
5. Irving Mitchell (California)
6. Refugio Rojas (California)
7. Kenny Baysmore (Washington, D.C.)
8. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
9. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
10. Kelvin Lampkin (California)
11. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
12. Dana Roston (Nevada)
13. Ron Gary (Colorado)
14. Tommy Cordova (New Mexico)
15. Louie Burke (New Mexico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Juan LaPorte (Puerto Rico)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
5. Johnny De La Rosa (Florida)
6. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
7. Ruben Castillo (California)
8. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
9. Jose Caba (California)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)
11. Juan Meza (California)
12. Billy White (Louisiana)
13. Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
14. Idabeth Rojas (Florida)
15. Lenny Valdez (California)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Mike Ayala (Texas)
4. Juan Meza (California)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
7. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
8. Andres Tena (New York)
9. Juan Veloz (New York)
10. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
11. Bryan Jones (Pennsylvania)
12. Pascual Aranda (Texas)
13. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
14. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
15. Carlos Flores (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Richard Sandoval (California)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. Jeff Chandler (Pennsylvania)
4. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Harold Petty (Texas)
7. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
8. James Pipps (Texas)
9. James Manning (Oregon)
10. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
11. Ricardo Varela (California)
12. Greg Richardson (Ohio)
13. Ruben Solario (California)
14. Julio Rodriguez (California)
15. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Sugar Rojas (Florida)
3. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
4. Alonso Gonzales (California)
5. Mario Savala (California)
6. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
7. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
8. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
9. Henry Brent (New York)
10. Cipriano Arreola (California)
11. Armando Loredo (Texas)
12. Felix Marquez (Puerto Rico)
13. Ian Clyde (California)
14. Humberto Rodriguez (Texas)
15. Jose de Jesus (Puerto Rico)

Nieves, who can fight when he wants to, but seldom wants to, began to realize he could be equal to the task. The Puerto Rican sneaked into the fight while Myron still sleepwalked, then gained confidence and roared to the finish. A spent and wilted Taylor was floundering almost helplessly as he was battered in the late rounds. Still, with his early lead, Myron could have stolen it. But the judges were right on: Harold Lederman and William Kostrub 6-4, John Stewart 5-4-1, all for Nieves. Ted Pick refereed.

Joe Frazier, Jr., 138, Phila., won a unanimous decision from Cesar Guzman, 140¼, Paterson, in a bristling eight. Guzman was dropped by a left hook to the body and right cross in the second. But the sometimes-docile trial-horse came back to battle Frazier to the wire, with Jr.'s strength prevailing in the stretch. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Of the favorites, only Gregg Edelman came away unscathed, the "Zion Lion," 140, Merchantville, NJ, drubbed a used-up Garland Wright, 138¾, Scranton, by unanimous decision, eight. Garland was only there to survive. Gregg couldn't entirely penetrate his octopus grabbing, but at least had the savvy to punish the body instead of chasing the head. Referee Pick.

Rodney Moore, 137, Phila., upset Edwin "E.T." Thomas, 135¼, Phila., by unanimous decision, in a good six. Moore boxed beautifully, completely befuddling the slugging Thomas. Ref Pick.

David Barrow, 162¾, Christ Church, Barbados, via Phila., edged a timid Kenny Reese, 158, Phila., by majority decision, in a ragged six. Ref Hazzard.

Attendance—700 (est.)

Timekeeper—Stever Smoger.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(07-16-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Lonnie Smith was set to defend his ESPN jr. welter crown against Frank Montgomery, when an eye injury forced the challenger out. An old opponent, Thomas Baker, was conscripted to fill in, wihtout the title on the line. Smith, 140, Denver, easily stopped Baker, 137¾, Wash., DC, when Thomas was unable to come out for the ninth of a scheduled 10. In their first meeting, rusty Smith was coming off a long layoff, and Baker gave him fits. Lonnie was ready to go when he tagged a careless Beker for the first of three knockdowns that earned him an eight-round decision.

This time, a much-improved Smith was never in trouble. In fact, he was barely hit. But Baker did once again get decked whenever he tried to stand and punch. Thomas ran away the first five rounds, then tried to turn aggressor in the sixth and was met by an overhand right that felled him. Again in the eighth, Baker decided to punch, and had Smith in some difficulty when a left hook counter once more set him down. A right lead just before the bell rocked Baker again, sending him dazed to his corner, with a badly cut left eyelid which prevented him from continuing. Joe Cortez refereed.

Chris Calvin, 137, Nashville, bombarded poor Kato Wilson, 137, Bklyn., who was not allowed out for the fourth, scheduled 10. Wilson is a human sponge, with too much heart for his own good. His left eye was closing, and he was absorbing a one-sided beating. Tony Orlando refereed.

Gary Lightbourne, 219, Oceanside, NY, TKO'd used-up veteran Leo Rogers, 189¾, Bklyn., at 2:10 of the second, one knockdown, scheduled six. Ref Cortez.

Tony Arneaud, 150¾, Bklyn., got an undeserved draw with Mark Petroski, 149¼, Phila., in an action six. Arneaud got over by making Petroski look bad. One vote to Mark. Ref Orlando.

Grady "Thriller" Smith, 170½, Jacksonville Beach, FL, looked good, handing a solid beating to tough spoiler Billy Saunders, 174, Vineland, by an odd, majority decision, six. Ref Orlando.

Pat Frazier, 162, NYC TKO'd soft-touch Almalik McLaurin, 166, Neward, collapsing on the ropes at 1:46 of the first, scheduled four. Ref Cortez.

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—700 (est.).

Judges—Frank Brunette, Carol Castellano & Lynne Carter ("Rocky" Castellani replaced Carter for Smith-Saunders).

Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(07-17-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Elsinore's Atlantis (formerly Playboy) Hotel & Casino**—Mike Tinley, 158½, Camden, returned with a unanimous win over Jorge Anparo, 162¾, Paterson, in a rugged, but sloppy 10. Anparo seems to serve as point man for the Duva platoon, previously knocking off Teddy Mann and a proposed Czyz-Mann match. This time, he didn't do as well. Tinley started very sharp, moving and countering the flat-footed brawler. Jorge began to get into the action in the middle rounds, as Tinley's footwork slowed, and he turned to inside slugging. But in the late rounds, Mike re-assumed control, by oddly outgunning Anparo at his own game. The normally rugged Dominican went down in the seventh, seemingly from exhaustion, under a flurry of light, but unrelenting, blows. Tinley couldn't believe it, and continued the barrage after Jorge dropped, causing ref Vinnie Rainone to penalize him the round.

After that, the action was anything but pleasing, as neither was able to establish an effective offense. Anparo tried low blows in the ninth, and Rainone evened the penalties. This was Tinley's first appearance since losing his ESPN crown to Doug DeWitt, and sinking into a morass of managerial squabbling. He failed to regain the form that had made him someone to watch prior to the loss.

In the co-feature 10, Kevin Moley, 158¾, Selden, Long Island, TKO'd Clinton Longmire, 160¼, Youngstown, at 2:05 of the fourth. Kevin had the heavier hands in lively exchanges. Longmire backed him off with a left hook in the second, but upon giving chase, was dropped on his face and saved by the bell. After that, the game Ohioan was pounded until ref Rudy Battle halted it.

Richard (Boone) Pultz, 194, Clifton, NJ, scored a repeat KO over Joe Risoli, 206¼, Middlesex, with a right-hand bomb at 2:28 of the first, scheduled eight. Ref, Battle.

Francis Childs, 119¾, formerly Chester, PA, now Clementon, NJ, won a unanimous decision from David Capo, 119, NYC, in a boring six. Ref, Rainone.

Kevin Vieldhouse, 146¾, Wayne, NJ, edged out a majority decision over a bloodied Nicky D'Amario, 148, Phila., in a good four. Ref, Rainone.

Timmy Moley, 136½, Selden, pounded James Lyons, 131¾, York, PA, for a unanimous win, four. Ref, Battle.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Matchmakers—Dino Duva, Johnny Bos.

Attendance—1000 (est.).

Judges—Richard F. Murry, Ronnie Burns, Phil Newman. (Rocky Castellani judged the eight and four-rounders instead of Newman.)

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(07-25-84)

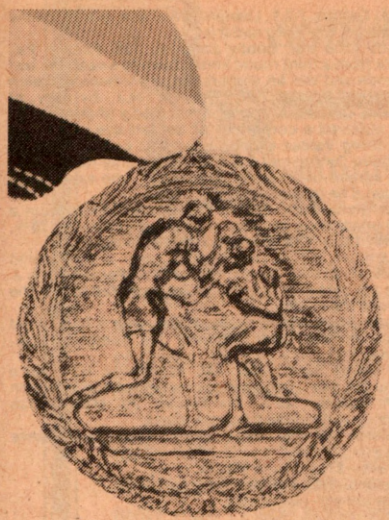
►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Hard-luck Carmelo Negron suffered another tough loss when he was TKO'd by Ron Cisneros, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Cisneros, 118, Denver, racks up club wins at home, then loses to contenders on the road. A bit of a cutie, he was in the fight early against the no-finesse bomber, despite being charged with two flukey knockdowns. Ron's feet got tangled in the first, and he dropped from a body shot in the second, claiming a low blow, which ref Paul Venti disallowed. But Cisneros was no match for Carmelo's strength. After a couple rounds, when Ron's movement started to slow, the Puerto Rican, 123¾, Bklyn., began clubbing his body in earnest. Negron led 5-1 on all cards, when the underdog charged out for the seventh. After an explosive flurry, Carmelo turned toward his corner, his forehead pumping blood in a ghastly manner. The bout had to be terminated by Dr. Frank Doggett at 0:28. When the commission promised to reivew the tapes, the loser's corner had hopes of a reversal. But all the investigation revealed were three rights by Cisneros, the last an uppercut which opened the wound, so the TKO will stand.

Ron's stablemate, Roy Muniz, 119½, Denver, was no match for Greg Richardson, 115¼, Youngstown, in a scheduled eight. Muniz was outclasses throughout, until ref Joe O'Neil stopped it at 2:26 of the final round.

Similarly, worn-out Luis (The Bull) Vega, 137, Reading, was being trounced by Victor Flores, 135½, Chi./Phila., when the doctor stopped the scheduled six after three rounds, out of "compassion." Ref, Venti.

Joe Summers, 150½, Salem, NJ, proved too speedy, and survived a rocky last round, to take a unanimous decision over Angel Sindo, 148½, Camden, in a fine six. Ref, O'Neil.

Hulking Harry Doleno, 260½, Pittsburgh, couldn't fight a



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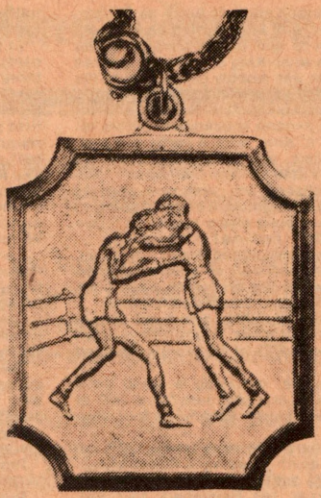

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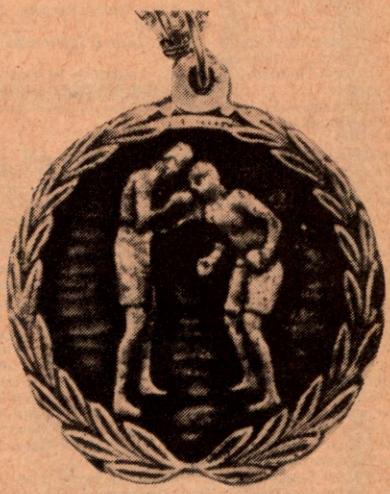

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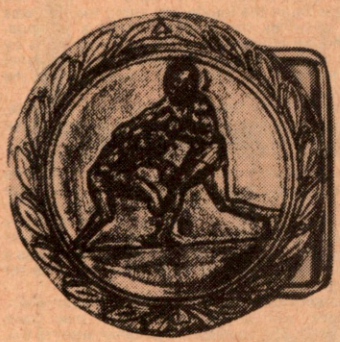

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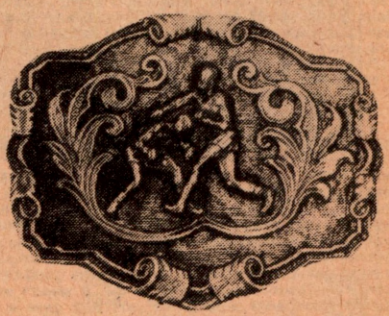

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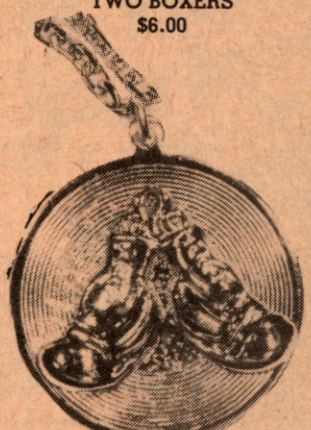

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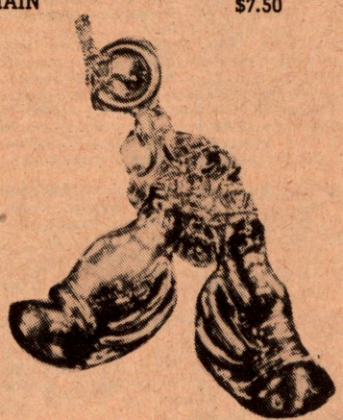

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Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.

Attendance—1300 (est.).

Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, Lawrence Wallace, Ray Hoagland.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(07-31-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int'l**—Terrence Alli, 134½, New York, defended his ESPN lightweight title for the second time, with a unanimous win over Efrain Nieves, 134, Milwaukee, 12. The personable Alli, who has big plans to move on to a world crown, has been on a tear lately. He showed boxing ability in winning the title, and punching power in defending it. This time, all he showed was the ability to keep his hands moving against a difficult, punch-and-grab southpaw. Nieves, subbing for Frankie Newton, has been a fringe contender for some time, unable to get his career moving, but no one to take lightly. A good mechanic, he can spin, counter, and smother an opponent, not always making for excitement. Terrence wasn't having any of this. He kept up a constant pressure inside, nullifying Efrain's left-handed style, but was sharp enough with his punches to keep Nieves from shutting him down. The result was a solid, workmanlike win for Alli, but hardly a memorable evening for the crowd. John Stewart and Harold Lederman both scored 9-2-1, Frank Cairo 8-3-1. Larry Hazzard refereed.

Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 148, Phila., scored an upset, with a split decision over highly-regarded Dwight Williams, 148¾, Syracuse, six. A badly cut left eye in the first visibly disturbed Williams' concentration. He fought an uphill battle after that, but Mendez was sharp, and turned in a fine effort. Randy Neumann refereed.

Joel (Dynamo) Hum, 188¾, Erie, crushed Mike Schilling, 180¼, Blackwood, NJ, with two booming knockdowns and out at 0:47 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Hazzard.

Rocky Young, 129, Moundsville, WV, and Carlos Garcia, 129, NYC, battled to a unanimous draw, in a hard-fought four. Ref, Neumann.

Phil Paolino, 174½, New York, beat Robbie Jordan, 169¼, Frackville (!), PA, via majority decision, in a crude slugging match, four. Ref, Hazzard.

And in an uproarious barn-burner, David Bolletino, 138¾, Bechtelsville, Pa., won a unanimous verdict over Ralph Delgado, 137, Central Islip, Long Island, four. Ralph was down four times in round two, yet came back to make a fight of it!

Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.

Attendance—550 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Mike Buffer.

(08-02-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—An all-decision card featured a number of close bouts, in which the officials had more to do with the outcomes than the fighters. Darryll Tyson, 135½, Washington, D.C., was unimpressive, and lucky to get a unanimous decision over journeyman Dwayne Prim, 136, Ft. Worth, 10. Prim played a waiting game, and, while he landed some good counters whenever Tyson drifted within range, it wasn't enough. Darryll scampered around the ring and gave a lot of motion, but little artillery to back it up. He kept his jab working, but was too timid to step in with it, so that Prim was able to pick most of them off. This was evidently unnoticed by the officials, as judges frequently fail to differentiate between punches thrown and those landed. Rocky Castellani voted 7-3, Frank Brunette 6-4, and Lynne Carter 5-2-3. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Spoiler Kenny Willis, 136¼, Bridgeport, Conn., held prospect Jocko King, 135¼, Philadelphia, to a majority draw, eight. Willis gives a lot of herky-jerky movement, throws punches like mad, but doesn't hit hard, and is easy to hit, but hard to hurt. All this makes him very difficult to judge, as attested to by six draws and a lot of split losses on his record. This one was no exception. Castellani scored for him, 6-2; the other two had it 4-4. Steve Smoger refereed.

Southpaw Bertram Buchanan, 154¼, Bronx, escaped with a split call over tough David Savage, 154¼, Philadelphia, six. Buchanan neatly outboxed Savage early, but wilted under pressure in the stretch. Ref, Smoger.

Kevin Watts, 160¾, Pleasantville, proved too tough for switch-hitting, slap-and-spin artist Neil Jackson, 161¾, Philadelphia, with a unanimous win, four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Derrick Wilkerson, 128, Philadelphia, easily handled debuting Charlie Briscoe, 129, Philadelphia, by a unanimous decision, four. Ref, Smoger.

In the best bout, Mike Russell, 118½, D.C., scored the only knock down scored all night, in the second, to edge Valentin Espinosa, 118½, Newark, by a close, but unanimous, verdict, four. Ref, Smoger.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.

Attendance—1,400 (est.).

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-07-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—In a drag-out battle, Tommy Ayers, 148¾, Cincinnati, emerged with a TKO over Don King, 150, Indianapolis, at 1:12 of the eighth in a scheduled 10. The last two times King fought here, he was carried out on a stretcher. But this time, he showed Ayers he was no invalid. Tommy, back strong after a layoff and on his way to a title shot, looked great at the start, having King nearly out of there in the first. But when Don fought back in the second and bloodied Tommy's nose, he served notice it wasn't going to be an easy night. From there on, it was a war, with King putting up stubborn resistance until he began to wilt in the seventh. Ayers scored an odd knockdown when King's tired legs seemed to simply give out, and Don was wobbly going back to his corner. Early in the eighth, a whistling straight right dropped him hard. Then a combination to the body and left hook to the chin scored a second knockdown, before ref Rudy Battle finally halted it. King, with a name like that, drew notice from the start, and was once a touted prospect. But he was never able to "turn the corner" from talented enthusiast to polished pro, and now appears finished. "I don't want to keep fighting if I'm just going to be an opponent to build someone else's record up," Don confessed. "I turned 26 today. I feel like I'm losing time."

Carl Riskus, 156½, Pittsburgh, edged Danny Chapman, 159, Troy, N.Y., by majority decision, in another pitched battle, 10. Riskus was down in the first when a left hook sent him reeling through the ropes. Joe O'Neil refereed.

Reggie Boyer, 154½, Philadelphia, destroyed Ernest (Candyman) Perry, 158, Newport News, knocking him down in the second and third, for a K.O. at 1:22 in a scheduled six. Ref, Battle.

Ron Malek, 158½, Wichita, outlasted a tiring Jose Acosta, 159, Brentwood, L.I., dropping him for a TKO at 2:55 of the third in a free-swinging scheduled four. Ref, O'Neil.

Chris Riskus, 149, Pittsburgh, younger brother of Carl, debuted but didn't show much, needing a flukey knock-down in the second to edge out the narrowest of majority decisions over Timmy Dorsey, 144, Bethlehem, four. Ref, Battle.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.

Attendance—1,400 (est.).

Judges—Milo Savage, Phil Newman, Al DeVito.

Timekeeper—Steve Smoger.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-14-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Elsinore's Atlantis (formerly Playboy) Hotel & Casino**—Gregg Edelman was set to battle for the vacant New Jersey State junior welter crown, when a series of opponents fell out and the title bout had to be scrubbed. Nothing much, in the form of Ocee Harper, was promoted from the undercard at the last minute to keep Gregg's fans from being completely disappointed. Instead, it was Gregg, 138, Merchantville, who was disappointed, as he must have suffered a letdown. He had to struggle to an unimpressive TKO over Harper, 141, Washington, D.C., at 1:31 of the sixth in a scheduled 10. The visitor proved elusive in the dull early rounds, but began to tire as Gregg kept after him. Following two flukey knockdowns in the fifth, Harper was dropped by a right in the sixth, and ref Joe Cortez stopped it over his protests. Edelman's meteoric rise has stalled a bit lately, and he needs a challenge to get back on the track.

In an excellent six, red hot Tony Montgomery, 148¼, Philadelphia, was cooled a bit in settling for a split decision over Angel Sindo, 149, Camden. Tony started fast, but when Sindo continued to hang around, it turned into life-and-death. It took a left hook knockdown in the fourth, and an all-out final round, to squeak Tony home a winner. Ref, Paul Venti.

Edwin "E.T." Thomas, 136, Philadelphia, kept the pressure on slippery Derrick Wilkerson, 132½, Philadelphia, to win a unanimous decision, six. Ref, Venti.

Tommy Quinn, 159¾, Kensington (Phila.), brought a huge rooting section to his debut, but appeared tight and unwilling to fire, barely edging Ismael Gonzales, 165, Trenton, via a majority decision, four. Ref, Cortez.

William Scott, 140½, New York, scored a unanimous win over lefty Melvin Richardson, 140½, Trenton, four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter—Joe Hand.

Matchmaker—Ron Katz.

Attendance—1,000 (est.).

Judges—Frank Cairo, Lawrence Wallace, Phil Newman.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-20-84)

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►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Simon Brown, 152½, Washington, D.C., got somewhat more than he bargained for in gaining a 10-round unanimous decision over Jerome Johnson, 158½, Jackson, N.J. The Jersey resident came into the bout on one day's notice with a 5-5-1 record and never having gone past six rounds. The commission was beyond accommodating in sanctioning this "mismatch." Jerome did *not* become a sickening statistic, but rather a gritty and game battler who made Simon say ouch more than just once.

Brown had a post-fight excuse because it was felt that the last minute effort to bulk up (Simon was at his heaviest ever) and offset the weight edge of Johnson, caused him to lose that extra zip.

Johnson came out showing very little respect for his highly touted opponent. When Brown realized he had to get serious, he dropped Johnson convincingly in round two. End of fight? No, sir. Jerome got up and bit the bullet all the way through in giving Brown a good night's work.

Johnson walked straight in and covered well. Simon at least had the good sense to tattoo the body, especially with the "Mantequilla" Mexican left hook. Johnson merely smiled and fired back when he could. He looped many of his rights and was on the defensive two out of every three minutes but he still managed to earn that badge of courage and gain the respect of everyone in the ballroom.

With the win, Brown raised his record to 19-0, 13 via kayo. The referee was Paul Venti. The scoring was as follows: Al DeVito, 7-2-1; Lawrence Wallace, 8-1-1; Tommy Kaczmarek, 9-1. *The Ring* had it 8-2.

In a nice little war, Bobby Johnson, 136, Easton, Pa., came back from a third round knockdown to sweep the last three rounds and win an eight-round unanimous decision over Eduardo Valdez, 136, Newark, N.J. by way of Barranquilla, Colombia. Johnson was badly shaken in the fifth and suffered a corner cut of the left eye in the last round. A tiring Valdez was dropped just before the final bell. Judge Al DeVito had it 5-3, as did Tommy Kaczmarek. *The Ring* agreed with Lawrence Wallace, who saw it 4-3-1 for Johnson. The referee was Paul Venti.

Chester Richardson, 125¼, Youngstown, Ohio, won a six-round unanimous decision over Doug Pettiford, 125½, Wilmington, Delw. The referee was Steve Smoger.

Leroy Brooks, 127¾, Wash., D.C. won a four round majority decision over Terry Coney, 129¼, Paulsboro, N.J. It was the pro debut for Brooks, while Coney fell to 0-3. The crowd booed the verdict.

Southpaw Steve Mack, 150¾, Phila., won a four round unanimous decision over debuting Joe Speight, 152¾, Washington, D.C.

Switch-hitting Sam Taylor, 146, Woodbury, N.J. had a successful pro debut in gaining a unanimous four-decision over Tom Mazzeo, 146¾, Warminster, Pa. Mazzeo was dropped once each in the third and fourth.

The referee for the three four-rounders was Steve Smoger.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(07-17-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Darryl Tyson, 135½, Washington, D.C., went to 15-1, eight kayoes, with a unanimous 10-round decision over Dwayne Prim, 136, Ft. Worth, Texas. Prim, who came in at 13-4 with five kayoes, was the unknown foe. For the first few rounds, it looked like Brand X would upset the more nationally known product.

Prim was a determined opponent; physically strong, aggressive, and obviously well taught in the keeping-your-hands-up department. Tyson had to respect his adversary who worked well to the body early and brought home some solid rights to the head.

The Ring gave Dwayne the first three rounds, but then Tyson adjusted to the situation. He found Prim to be too strong to mess with on the inside and using the ring was good strategy given by his corner. Behind a pop-pop-popping jab (though blocked on numerous occasions by Prim, it bought time and delayed any offsense by Dwayne) he was able to fend off Prim and nearly sweep the remaining rounds.

The scores were: Rocky Castellani, 7-3; Frank Brunette, 6-4; Lynne Carter, 5-2-3. *The Ring* saw it 6-3-1. The referee was Frank Cappuccino.

In the semi-windup, Kenny Willis, 136¼, Bridgeport, Conn., boxed a draw with Jocko King, 135¼, Phila. The switch-hitting Willis got the only vote, a 6-2 from judge Rocky Castellani. Each boxer received four rounds each on the other two cards. King is now 13-1-2, while Willis continues to keep 'em close at 5-8-7, with four of his last six bouts ending even up. *The Ring* had it 4-4, in what was a well fought bout, with plenty of clean punching. The ref was Steve Smoger.

It was the matador over the bull as Bertram Buchanan, 154¼, The Bronx, won a split six rounder over Dave Savage, 154¼, Phila. The southpaw Buchanan went to 6-0, while Savage is now 3-1-1. The ref was Steve Smoger.

A trio of fours opened the evening. They all went the limit and each was a unanimous decision. Mike Russell, 118½, Wash., D.C. had a successful pro debut, when he came back from a shaky first to drop Val Espinosa, 118½, Newark, N.J. in the next round. The ref was Smoger.

Derrick Wilkerson, 128, beat switch-hitting Charlie Briscoe. There were no knockdowns in this match-up of Philadelphians, Bricscoe, making his pro debut, is reported to be the son of Bad Bennie Briscoe. Too bad he can't fight. The ref was Smoger.

Kevin Watts, 160¾, Pleasantville, N.J. beat debuting switch hitter Neil Jackson, 161¾, Phila. The ref was Cappuccino.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-07-84)

►**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Carl Jones, 158, Los Angeles, (now 13-1-4 with six kayoes) won a 10-round unanimous decision over Jerome Johnson, 160¼, Jackson, N.J., in the evening's main event. Jones, like unassertive Muzak, has that laid back California cool demeanor. He stands straught up and straight in front, rarely changing expression or posture, let alone approach. He may look easy to hit, but he has quick reflexes that enable him to avoid, if not the first, then the follow-up, punch.

Johnson, not yet a tested 10-round boxer, stayed with Jones early on, employing solo shots that were long and quick and eye-catching. Round two saw Jerome get home three solid left hooks to take the session on all three official cards.

By round four, however, Carl had untracked his stinging jab and added a hurtful hook to the body as the bout wore on. By round seven, the drama had been jettisoned; Carl dominated those middle rounds and turned it into nothing more than a workout.

Johnson was reduced to coming forward with the occasional haymaker. In the ninth and 10th, Jerome picked up the charge to try and snatch victory. Jones however, had so finely tuned his energy reserves that he had enough

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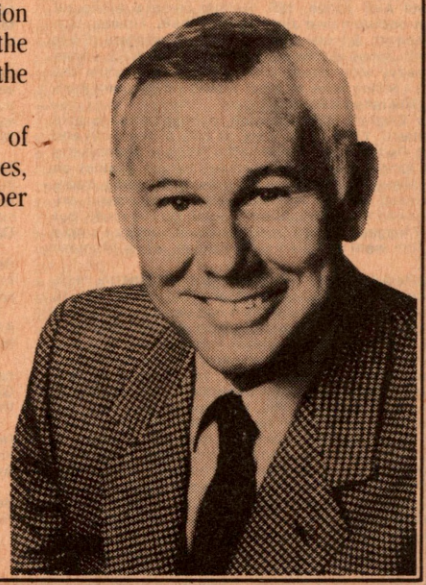

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left to offset the pressure.

It wasn't a bout for the blood thirsty, but Johnson, if limited, was willing to grin and bear it. While Jones was no ball of fire, he showed some sweet technical maneuvers. The referee was Vinnie Rainone. The scoring: John Stewart, 6-4; Rocky Castellani, 8-2; William Kostrub, also 8-2. *The Ring* agreed with the last two cards, giving Johnson only rounds two and three.

Ramon Santana, 142½, Camden, N.J., looked sluggish in taking an eight-round majority decision over switch-hitting Kenny Willis, 139, Bridgeport, Conn. This was the first bout for Ramon since his destruction at the hands of Richard Nixon in March. He is now 12-2 with nine kayoes. Willis, always in a tough, close bout, dropped to 5-9-7. John Stewart saw it 4-3-1, Castellani 5-3 and Kostrub 4-4. *The Ring* tabbed it 5-2-1 for Santana, who proved too strong with his punches. The referee was Steve Smoger.

Jim (Kool Aid) Jones, 185, Buffalo, won a six-round unanimous decision over Jim Leming, 183¾, Howell, N.J. Scores: Stewart, 5-1 (as did *The Ring*); Castellani, 5-0-1; Kostrub, 6-0. Jones is now 5-0; Leming fell to 4-7-2. Jones is a top heavy slow boxer with a power jab, while the stringbean Leming tries to steal a long range point here and there. The ref was Rainone.

Anthony English, 131, Camden, stopped the durable Pedro Montero, 129¼, New York, at 2:03 of the sixth and final round. Pedro was dropped in the first and again in the third. The long armed English couldn't miss against an inept but always courageous opponent. Bleeding badly from a busted up left eye from the fourth round on, Montero looked like he could once again go the route, but ref Smoger leaped in when Pedro was wobbled by a single right. English went to 12-4-1 with kayoes, while Montero fell to 8-8-2.

In a scheduled four, Robert (Pop) Robinson, 115, Philadelphia, stopped Lerry Cheatham, 110, Phila., at 1:16 of round two. Robinson, (now 2-0-1) had been out of action for some time, but showed what five pounds can do at this classification. He put Larry down twice in the first and once in the second before Rainone stopped the contest.

In the opening bout, Sam Taylor, 146, Woodbury, N.J. was unintentionally butted by debuting Leroy Wimberly, 143½, Newark, N.J. and the scheduled four was terminated at the start of round two and declared no contest. In the first round, before the butt, the rookie southpaw was cleaning up on Taylor, who had been soundly dropped by a straight left. Taylor was 1-0 going in. The referee was Steve Smoger. The cut on Taylor was over the right eye.

Promoters—Elbaum and Menas.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-21-84)

►**PENNSAUKEN—Halloran Plaza Hotel**—Greg Edelman, 138¼, Merchantville, N.J., went 12 physical rounds with Caesar Guzman, 138½, Paterson, N.J., to gain a majority decision and the vacant (Sanford Ricks had vacated the title) state junior welterweight championship.

There were no knockdowns in this bout refereed by Rudy Battle. The scoring: William Kostrub, 10-2; Rocky Castellani, 7-5 and Milo Savage 5-5-2. *The Ring* had it 8-3-1 Edelman. Guzman, now 8-13, (according to bout sheet, he was 8-12 going in) is probably more like 6-15 and hasn't beaten anyone of significance, though he has been matched tough. Based on this last observation, the commission deemed him a worthy foe for the rather inexperienced teenager. Greg (now 13-0-1, 10 KO's) had never gone past eight rounds before.

It wasn't a pretty affair. The words most spoken by Battle were, "No Holding, No Holding," and, "Break, Break." Guzman tried to smother Edelman; shut him down, and crowd him on the ropes. Caesar also kept popping home lead rights to keep Greg honest.

For the most part, the new champ kept his composure and handled the distance well. Caesar, on the other hand, was content to mainly grab. Greg had sense enough to work the body with a workmanlike left hook. However, where was the jab that would have kept Guzman outside to begin with?

In a "co-feature" eight, Marvin Frazier, 207, Philadelphia, upped his record to 11-1, in his first bout since losing to Holmes last November, by stopping Dave Starkey, 234, Trot, Ohio, at 2:50 of round one.

Big Dave came out quickly behind a relatively strong jab. However, it didn't take Marvis long to find a remedy. A hook to the upper rib cage and down went Starkey. The stunned crowd of nearly 2,000 said, "What happened?" Down went Dave three more times and the fans booed.

Meek as a sacrificial lamb, Starkey did not protest as ref Ted Pick protected him from further slaughter. The commission is not about to invite him back. As for Marvis, everyone is allowed one soft touch beginning a comeback. He got his tonight. The next one is not on the house.

Vito Masselli, 137½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous six rounder over Sammy Young, 138¾, Albany, N.Y. It was a rip roaring crowd pleaser from start to finish. Their grittiness was well appreciated by the crowd. The ref was Battle. The scores: Savage at 3-2-1, while Castellani and Kostrub saw it 6-0. *The Ring* had it 4-1-1 for Vito.

In another scheduled six, David Barrow, 156½, Phila., Pa. stopped comebacking Tony "Rocky" Tassone, 163, also Phila., at 0:45 of the third. The balding Tassone had no reflexes and was cut up and dropped in rounds one and two. The ref was Battle. Barrow's record is now an odd 3-3-3.

Ed Priester, 154, Phila., went to 2-0, with a four round unanimous verdict over southpaw Dennis Johnson, 156¼, also Philadelphia. Johnson was down in the third. Both gave it their all, in this bout refereed by Pick.

Darnell Smith, 157½, Philadelphia, had himself a rare win (a good guess at his overall record would be about 2-19) when the southpaw got a majority decision in a scheduled four against Thomas Quinn, 159½, Philadelphia. Quinn is now 1-1. The ref was Pick.

Promoter—Joe Hand and Joe Verne
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian
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NEW YORK

►**SWAN LAKE—Stevensville Country Club**—A rare club card was presented in conjunction with the summer season at this luxurious Catskill resort. This area has hosted many major TV events, but few on the club level. Manager Bob Miller used his stable, and wife Lorraine's promotional license, and scored a modest success.

Comebacking Tim LaValley, 145, Troy, won a unanimous decision over Chris Bowen, 143, Washington, D.C., in a workmanlike eight. Chris put up a good effort, but southpaw LaValley's experienced punch and tie-up style was enough to shut him down. Luis (Monigillo) Rivera refereed.

In the co-feature eight, Tim Broady, 174, Brooklyn, was bombarding Robert McConnell, 184 D.C., when Robert was hurt by a borderline blow in the third. He claimed it was low, then refused to continue into the fourth. After some confusion, referee (and former Long Island club fighter) Danny Andrews ruled it a TKO for Broady.

In a sensational six, Matt Farrago, 158, Syracuse, destroyed Lemmorah Balding, 164, D.C., when the second knockdown knocked him cold at 2:58 of the fifth. Farrago just to strong for the game Balding. Ref, Rivera.

John Tyrell, 178, Glens Falls, TKO'd Bill O'Connell, 180, Adirondacks, at 0:52 of the second in their six after having him down in both rounds. Ref, Andrews.

Chris McCrugden, 177, Brockport, normally used as cannon fodder, scored a rare win, TKOing a scared-stiff Pat Gibbons, 176, Rochester with two knockdowns at 1:33 of the second of four. Ref, Andrews.

Tony Corrado, 150, Wappingers Falls, TKO'd a disinterested Richie Seidman, 147, Brooklyn, with two knockdowns in 2:59 of the first in their scheduled four. Ref, Andrews.

Harold Whitfield, 145, Brooklyn, took a unanimous decision over Mike Robinson, 145, Ithaca, in a good four. Ref, Rivera.

Attendance—600. Gross—$6000 (est.).
Judges—Pete Heller, Tony Moret, Shane Shahinian.
Timekeeper—Mark Catallio.
Announcer—Joe LaFleur.
(07-21-84)

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►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz, 132, New York, TKO'd Ivan Montalvo, 135½, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 2:57 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Montalvo was down in the first and fourth rounds. Paul Venti, referee. Cruz is now 16-1 with 14 kayoes. Montalvo is 17-5-2 with three knockouts.

Kenny Mitchell, 116, New York, won the vacant New York State bantamweight title with a split decision over Pedro Alindato, 117, 12. Scoring: Billy Graham, 7-4-1, Alindato; Artie Levine, 8-4, Mitchell; Eva Shain, 7-5, Mitchell. Luis Rivera, referee. Mitchell is now 13-4-2 with two knockouts. Alindato is 11-3-1 with four kayoes.

Carlos Hernandez, 207, Union City, New Jersey, TKO'd Mel Hosey, 240, a pathetic 1-16 stiff from Dayton, Ohio, at 2:35 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Paul Venti, referee.

Al Santana, 148, Bayonne, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Allen Braswell, also 148, Brooklyn, New York, eight. Scoring: Graham, 6-1-1; Levine, 7-1 (10-1 in points); Shain, 7-1. Al LoBianco, referee.

Horacio Perez, 158½, Brooklyn, won an outrageous split decision over Randy Smith, 161, Chicago, eight. Al LoBianco, referee. Scoring: Graham, 5-2-1, Smith; Levine and Shain, both 4-4 in rounds, but 5-4, Perez, in points. Both gave Perez a two-point edge in the last round—a frame judge Graham rightfully called even. What a joke!

Boone Pultz, 192, Clifton, New Jersey, TKO'd Jeff Burg, 217, another (0-3) stiff from Dayton, at 1:51 of the first round in a scheduled four-rounder. Luis Rivera, referee. This bout, originally scheduled for eight rounds, was re-slated as a four at the last moment.

Southpaw Kevin Marston, 133½, Jamaica, Queens, New York, TKO'd Harry Toto, also 133½, Jersey City, at 1:59 of the third round in their scheduled four. Toro was dropped once in the first round and thrice in the third for the automatic stoppage. Al LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(09-13-84)

►**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—David (The Hammer) Harris, 178, Huntington, New York, a southpaw, made it 10-0 (seven kayoes) with a lopsided unanimous decision over veteran catcher Willie (The Bull) Taylor, 177, Brooklyn, 10. Taylor, down in round seven, is now 11-14-4 with six knockouts. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Joe Louis Manley, 139, Atlantic City, climbed off the floor in round three to floor southpaw Charlie Allen, 142, Corpus Christi, Texas, with a counter right in the seventh. Allen made it to his feet, but referee Sid Rubenstein called a halt to matters at 2:09 of the session. Manley is now 19-2 with 10 knockouts. Allen is 17-8 with 11 kayoes.

Jose Fuentes, 149, Jersey City, a lefty, and Charlie Smith, 151, Washington, D.C., drew, 10. Scoring: Carol Castellano, 5-5; George DeGabriel, 6-4, Fuentes; Danny Whelan, 6-4, Smith. Joe Cortez, referee.

Victory Felder, 172, Staten Island, won a majority decision over Al Tobe, 173, Staten Island, six. Scoring: Castellano, 4-2; DeGabriel, 3-3; Whelan, 5-1. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Bobby Francis, 141, Brooklyn, floored Mike Tricarico, 144, Brooklyn, with a hard left hook and referee Joe Cortez halted matters at 1:56 of the first round. It was scheduled for four.

Two other bouts, Albert Quinones, 141, Jamaica, New York, vs. Jose Rivera, 136½, Brooklyn, and David Field, 159, Newark, vs. Gregory Jones, 157, Newark, were cancelled.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(09-26-84)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

►**TIJUANA**—Enrique Aguilar, 108, TKO'd Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, also 108, in the fourth session to retain his Mexican junior flyweight title.

Pedro Antonio Galaviz, 125, halted Celso Munoz, also 125, in five.
(08-14-84)

►**ENSENADA**—Ramon Marchena, 125, TKO'd Bonny Flores, also 125, in six.

Fidencio Cebreros, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Medina, also 135, in three.
(08-23-84)

►**TIJUANA**—Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 116, outpointed Alejandro Mayorga, also 116, 10.

Arturo Mujica, 112, knocked out Mike Espinosa, 111, in the eighth round.

Cesar Cepeda, 119, outscored Victor Paredes, 118, eight.
(08-28-84)

►**LA PAZ**—Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 112, won the Mexican flyweight title by outpointing Antonio (Tony) Escobar, also 112, 12.

Ramon Avitia, 136, TKO'd Felipe (Culebra) Rocha, also 136, in seven.

Jorge Gomez, 135, TKO'd Manuel Sanchez, 134, in eight.

Cesar Roland, 117, kayoed Cherry Martinez, 118, in round six.

Narciso (Chico) Valenzeula, 117, knocked out Manuel Celis, 116, in the first round.

Pajarito Fernandez, 112, outscored Jose Fernandez, 111, four.
(09-01-84)

►**TIJUANA**—Mauro Gutierrez, 125, outpointed Antonio de la Paz, also 125, 10.

Andres (Carita) Sandoval, 135, TKO'd Eduardo Marquez, 136, in three.
(09-03-84)

CAMPECHE

►**CHAMPOTON**—Dinamita Delgado III, 115, demolished Celestino Hernandez, 116, in the first round.

Pichujas Delgado, 117, TKO'd Kid Sorpresa, 118, in three.

Dinamita Delgado II, 118, kayoed Chamaco Vela, 117, in the second.

Cachorrito Cardenas, 147, TKO'd Kid Alfredo, also 147, in three.

Gato Aguilar, 125, stopped Gran Israel, 127, in four.

Tigre II, 111, outpointed Panaderito Gutierrez, also 111, four.
(08-25-84)

DURANGO

►**GOMEZ PALACIO**—Martin Galvan, 135, outpointed veteran Leoncio Ortiz, also 135, 10.

Pablo Gomez, 124, outscored Juan Manuel Reyes, 125, 10.

Rodolfo Perez, 117, outpointed Arcadio Vasquez, also 117, six.

Ruben Flores, 112, trimmed Eusebio Sanchez, 111, four.
(08-25-84)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

►**MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Cano, 111, outpointed former WBA flyweight champion Juan Herrera, also 111, 10.

Candelario (Changuito) Carmona, 116, TKO'd Daniel Guillen, 117, in eight.

Agustin (Frijol) Macias, 110, TKO'd Eduardo (Lalo) Acosta, 109, in five.

Abraham Martinez, 124, TKO'd Gregorio Narciso, 125, in two.

Raul Hernandez, 126, knocked out Martin Cuevas, 125, in two.
(08-11-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Eloy Ortega, 134, chilled Gerardo Sanchez, 136, in two.

Arturo Coutino, 147, TKO'd Adalberto (Chiapaneco) Garcia, 148, in four.

Arnulfo Contreras, 118, TKO'd Ricardo (Pajarito) Rico, 117, in seven.

Mauricio Ferrer, 112, TKO'd Constantino Osorio, 113, in three.

Victor Gomez, 117, TKO'd Polo Armenta, 116, in one.
(08-15-84)

►**MEXICO CITY—Azteca Pavilion**—Babe Luis, 109, TKO'd Ricardo Sosa, 108, in eight.

Hilario Manjarrez, 114, TKO'd Salvador (Chino) Hernandez, 113, in two.
Sal Zamora, 125, TKO'd Nicolas Reyes, 126, in eight.
Nacho Madrid, 124, TKO'd Salvador Sanchez, also 124, in four.
Nico Gomez, 126, outscored Lalo Valdespino, 125, four.
Teo Cruz, 117, and Sergio Vallares, also 117, drew, four.
(08-18-84)

►**MEXICO CITY—Coliseum Arena**—Heriberto Saavedra, 125, shaded Miguel Angel Alvarez, 126, 10.
Armando Velazco, 111, TKO'd Valente Flores, 112, in the 10th and final round.
Oscar Sanchez, 108, TKO'd Benedicto Lopez, also 108, in four.
Jaime Martinez, 117, TKO'd Rodolfo Sosa, also 117, in five.
Benito Eligio, 125, destroyed Martin Diaz, also 125, in one.
(08-18-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Miguel (Morris) Landin, 145, TKO'd Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 146, in nine.
Jose Escamilla, 117, and Eduardo Rojas, 118, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in round two.
Jorge Alvarez, 126, TKO'd Luis Hernandez, 125, in four.
Noe Garcia, 117, kayoed Marino Canete, also 117, in five.
Juvenal Lupian, 111, TKO'd Antonio Lopez, 112, in one.
(08-22-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Manuel (Lobo) Aguilar, 117, outscored Ramon Jimenez, also 117, 10.
Mauricio Villegas, 202, TKO'd Jose (Vago) Cruz, 206, in three.
Raul Feregrino, 135, TKO'd Antonio Diaz, 137, in two.
Ruben Rivera, 117, outscored Arturo Arellano, 118, eight.
Miguel Ordonez, 107, and Narciso Panchi, 108, drew, four.
(08-25-84)

►**MEXICO CITY**—Diego Avila, 117, outpointed Mario (Chapo) Nava, 118, 10.
Carlos Linares, 126, outscored Miguel Valderrama, 125, 10.
Rafael Jimenez, 136, TKO'd Felipe Rodriguez, 135, in one.
Martin Alvarez, 108, outpointed Francisco Peralta, 109, six.
Humberto Gonzalez, 111, outpointed Jorge Ortega, also 111, four.
(09-04-84)

JALISCO

►**GUADALAJARA**—Hugo Anguiano, 125, outpointed Agustin (Chango) Macias, also 125, 10.
(08-10-84)

►**GUADALAJARA**—Carlos de la Paz, 112, kayoed Jorge Urbina, 113.
(08-24-84)

MORELOS

►**CUERNAVACA**—Gerardo (Gatito) Gonzalez, 109, outpointed Zenon (Lobito) Gonzalez, 108, 12, to win the Morelos State junior flyweight title.
(08-24-84)

►**CUAUTLA**—Adrian Catana, 124, kayoed Artemio Bonola, also 124, in three.
Sammy Ramirez, 119, TKO'd Jose (Toluco) Herrera, also 119, in seven.
Carlos Ponce, 115, TKO'd Rodolfo Marban, 116, in two.
Gregorio Marin, 118, kayoed Luis Morales, also 118, in two.
Aturo Ramirez, 111, outscored Ricardo Abundez, 110, four.
David Santiago, 123, halted Samuel Quiroga, 122, in two.
(09-01-84)

SINALOA

►**MAZATLAN**—Joel Meza, 112, outpointed Jose Gallegos, 113, 10.
Gil Canchola, 148, TKO'd Tomas Lozano, 149, in four.
(08-31-84)

SONORA

►**NAVOJOA**—Sergio (Chocolate) Zambrano, 125, outscored Antonio de la Paz, also 125, 10.
(07-06-84)

TAMAULIPAS

►**NUEVO LAREDO**—Mario Gomez, 117, kayoed Cachorro Meza, 119, in one. Jose (Laaredo) Gonzalez, 209, stopped Rielero Martinez, 201, in three.
(07-13-84)

VERACRUZ

►**JALAPA**—Antonio Morales, 123, TKO'd Jesus (Tauro) Cano, 124, in three.
(07-06-84)

YUCATAN

►**MERIDA**—Mariano Garma, 117, TKO'd Faustino (Rabanito) Martin, 118, in three to win the Yucatan State bantamweight title.
Victor Medina, 112, outscored Jose Feliciano Noh Euan, also 112, 10.
Rafael Cauich, 125, TKO'd Freddie Rios, 124, in one.
Javier Gonzalez, 111, TKO'd Luis Fernando Noh Euan, also 111, in two.
Martin Segovia, 120, and Eduardo Estrella, 121, drew, four.
(09-05-84)

ZACATECAS

►**FRESNILLO**—Jaime Jasso, 127, iced Arturo Castillo, 125, in one.
Victor Alvarez, 119, knocked out Enrique Barcenas, 118, in three.
Felipe Moreno, 112, stopped Magdaleno Quintero, 113, in five.
Vicente Gaytan, 111, kayoed Manuel Lozano, 112, in six.
Ruben Rivas, 117, outscored Juan Bautista, also 117, four.
(08-12-84)

►**ZACATECAS**—Santiago Huizar, 112, kayoed Felipe Medina, also 112, in one to win the Zacatecas State flyweight title.
Mario Calderon, 115, and Rafael Lopez, 116, drew, 10.
Kiko Ubario, 116, halted Lupe Chavez, 117, in two.
(08-19-84)

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SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

►**BAHIA BLANCA**—Ramón Abeldaño outpointed Ubaldo Correa, 10, welterweights.
(07-05-84)

►**SALTA—Salta Club**—Hipólito Nuñez outpointed Hugo Fernandez, 10, featherweights.
(07-06-84)

►**MENDOZA—Estadio Pascual Perez**—Featherweight José Mario López drew with junior lightweight Daniel Murúa, 10.
(07-06-84)

►**CORDOBA**—Junior bantamweight Juan Carlos Cortèz broke the winning series of flyweight Ramón Horacio Albers by outpointing him, 10 rounds.
(07-06-84)

►**TRELEW—Gimnasio Ciudad de Trelew**—Hèctor Daniel Gonzalez outclassed Mario Matthysse, 10, junior middleweights.
(07-06-84)

►**OLAVARRIA**—Ramón Collado outpointed Antonio Hugo Vicente, /&, junior welterweights.
(07-06-84)

►**VILLA MARIA**—José Cufrè outpointed Hèctor Patri, 10, flyweights.
(07-06-84)

►**JUNIN**—Hèctor Vivas drew with Jorge Marines, 10, welterweights.
(07-06-84).

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Faustino Barrios outpointed Pedro Armando Gutierrez, 10, junior lightweights, split decision.
(07-07-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—Junior welterweight Adolfo Arce Rossi returned to his winning way by outpointing Sergio Brites, 10. A bout of a high technical level.
(07-07-84)

►**CALETA OLIVIA**—Eduardo Contreras outpointed Eugenio Mendez, 10, middleweights.
(07-07-84)

►**AMERICA**—Osmar Avila outclassed Bolivian Carmelo Cárdenas Cazón, 10, feathers.
(07-07-84)

►**VEDIA**—Junior lightweight Roberto (Rocky) Dofooz halted Virgilio Diaz in six.
(07-07-84)

►**SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE**—Luis Zárate knocked out Chilean Oscar Benavides in six, lightweights.
(07-08-84)

►**CORDOBA—Asociaciòn Española**—Argentine and South American junior featherweight champion Ramón (Moncho) Dominguez outpointed Carlos Laciar, 12, to retain his Argentine crown. Both were acclaimed by the public. The decision was unanimous: 118-115, 119-117, and 117-116.
(07-13-84)

►**PARANA**—Argentine cruiserweight champion Hèctor Rohr drew with Juan Carlos Fernández, 10.
(07-13-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—Featherweight Ramón Soria outpointed junior lightweight Miguel Lequin in ten.
(07-13-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All Boys Club**—Junior middleweight Ramón (Potro) Ramos continued his winning streak by demolishing Domingo Sosa in the 10th and last round. Ramos thus upped his unbeaten record to 13-0-1 with nine kayoes.
(07-14-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES**—Adrián Román was appointed South American flyweight champion by the S.A. Boxing Federation because Rubén Condori couldn't make the weight for their title fight.
(07-19-84)

►**SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO—Club Juventud**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernendo Sosa outpointed junior lightweight Daniel Murúa, 10.
(07-20-84)

►**RIO CUARTO—Club Central Argentino**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo halted Andrés Olmedo in the first round.
(07-20-84)

►**SALTA—Salta Club**—South American welterweight champion Alfredo Lucero drew with veteran Juan Barboza, 10.
(07-20-84)

►**VENADO TUERTO**—Welterweight Ramón Abeldaño TKOed Eugenio Mendez in six.
(07-20-84)

►**CONCEPCIÓN DEL URUGUAY**—The match between Ramón Horacio Albers and former South American champion Rodolfo Rodriguez, flyweights, was declared no contest when the ring broke in the ninth round.
(07-20-84)

►**SAN RAFAEL**—Raúl (Nico) Perez and Luis Gerez drew, 10, junior featherweights.
(07-20-84)

►**SANTA ROSA—Club General Belgrano**—Luis Abel Musa halted Rafael Gorosito in three, lightweights.
(07-20-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—Carlos V. Velazquez and Ricardo Carballo drew, 10, junior middleweights.
(07-20-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Unbeaten Ramón Jara stopped Sergio Loyola in the eighth, junior welters.
(07-21-84)

►**LINCOLN**—Featherweight Osmar Avila outpointed Jaime Loyola, 10.
(07-21-84)

►**ISIDRO CASANOVA**—César (*la bestia*) Romero was rated as the second Latin American light heavyweight as at July 1st, 1984. During July, he was closely outpointed by Venezuelan Fulgencio Obelmejias in Monte Carlo, with Prince Rainiero and other VIPs in attendance. He was rated among the top 10 in the world by the WBC. He was 29 years old, married, father of two boys.

Up to 1978, for more than five years, Romero was a prison inmate in Olmos, Villa Devoto, and Mercedes, due to various crimes. Romero is now dead. Only nine days after his fight with Obelmejias, he was killed by the police in a shooting after a robbery in which Romero and five other delinquents picked the equivalent of about US $40.00. Three of them (included a younger brother of the fighter) were also killed and two policemen suffered severe injuries.

Romero was probably discouraged after losing to Obelmejias. But nobody in the boxing world in Argentina thought this rustic fighter would return to his old bad path. It is very sad, indeed.
(07-23-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Unbeaten featherweight José Mario López outpointed veteran Adolfo Felice, 10. The decision was split: 99-98 and 99-97 Lopez; 97-96 Felice. *The Ring* had it a draw 95-95.
(07-28-84)

►**TUCUMAN—Club Defensores de Villa Lujan**—Hipolito Nunez knocked out Carlos Ibarra in the seventh session, lightweights.
(08-03-84)

►**JUNIN**—Ramon Collado outscored Sergio Brites, 10 rounds, junior welters.
(08-03-84)

►**ROSARIO DE LA FRONTERA**—Rene (Torito) Plaza upset local Benjamin del Valle Sendin, 10, junior featherweights.
(08-03-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz halted Miguel Angel Canedo in the eighth round, junior lightweights.
(08-04-84)

►**GENERAL PICO—Argentine Culture Club**—Mario DeMarco and Miguel Angel Lazarte drew, 12. DeMarco retaining his Argentine junior flyweight title. The scores were 118-117, 118-119, and 118-118. DeMarco was the aggressor in the contest.
(08-04-84)

►**RIO GALLEGOS**—Roberto Ruiz halted Juan Hernandez, Chile, in the fourth round, middles.
(08-03-84)

►**CALETA OLIVIA**—Cesar Villaruel and Carlos (Tano) Velasquez drew, 10, feathers.
(08-03-84)

►**CORDOBA—Asociacion Espanola**—Argentine and South American flyweight champion Adrian Roman and junior bantam Juan Carlos Cortez drew, 10. Poor bout.
(08-10-84)

►**RIO CUARTO—Club Central Argentino**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Victor Robledo TKO'd Ricardo Arce in five.
(08-10-84)

►**LA PLATA—Club Gimnasia y Esgrima**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi kayoed Pedro Gutierrez in the first round.

junior welters. A left hook was the knockout punch. Coggi is still unbeaten.
(08-10-84)

►**ARRECIFES**—Hugo Fernandez upset Eduardo (Locomotora) Chavez, 10 rounds, featherweights.
(07-06-84)

►**VEINTICINCO DE MAYO**—Carlos (Gato) Olivera knocked out Roberto (Yacare) Maciel in the third round, junior lightweights.
(08-10-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—All-Boys Club**—Daniel Gonzalez kayoed Jose (Tigre) Benitez Sosa in the third round, welterweights. The first two rounds were even, with both showing courage, speed, and skill.
(08-11-84)

►**GENERAL MADARIAGA**—Hugo (Patoruzu) Luero outclassed Marcelo Villagra, 10 rounds, welters.
(08-12-84)

►**CORDOBA—Asociacion Espanola**—Jose Mario Lopez outpointed Cordoba State featherweight champion Orlando Lucero, 10.
(08-16-84)

►**VILLA MARIA**—Jose Daniel Bracamonte won the Cordoba State junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Hector Oscar Ruiz, 12. Ruiz was decked in the first round. Bracamonte is 19 years old.
(08-16-84)

►**SALTA**—Daniel Murua won a unanimous decision over local lightweight Alfredo Chavez, 10.
(08-16-84)

►**MENDOZA—Pascual Perez Stadium**—Former Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado outpointed former South American champion Jose Maria Flores Burlon, 10.
(08-16-84)

►**BAHIA BLANCA—Norberto Tomas Stadium**—Ricardo Carballo and Miguel Angel Garcia, Chile, drew, 10.
(08-16-84)

►**CONCEPCION**—Mario Campos won the Tucuman State light heavyweight title by outpointing the defending champ, Jose Helguera, 12. Helguera remains the Tucuman State cruiserweight champion.
(08-16-84)

►**MAR DEL PLATA—Super Domo Stadium**—Ramon Jara won a split decision over Luis Zarate, 10 rounds, junior welters. Jara is still unbeaten.
(08-17-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Former Argentine flyweight and bantamweight champion Ramon Soria won a unanimous decision over Argentine and South American junior featherweight title holder Ramon (Moncho) Dominguez, 10. The 29-year-old Soria, 56-5-10, is now fighting as a featherweight. Dominguez, 27, is now 39-14-5 with 29 kayoes.
(08-18-84)

►**CALETA OLIVIA**—Alfredo Ubiedo outpointed veteran Eduardo Contreras, 10 rounds, middles.
(08-19-84)

►**CONCORDIA—Club Ferrocarril**—Ramon Horacio Albers knocked out former South American flyweight champion Rodolfo Rodriguez in the eighth.
(08-24-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Pedro Armando Gutierrez TKO'd Carlos (Gato) Olivera in the 10th and final session, junior lightweights. Excellent bout. Olivera was floored twice in round two.
(08-25-84)

►**SALTA**—Ruben Condori knocked out Hector Fernandez in the fifth round, junior bantams.
(08-31-84)

►**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Juan Martin (Latigo) Coggi won a unanimous decision over the veteran Ramon Collado, 10 rounds, junior welters. The scores were 99-96, 98-95, and 100-94. Coggi is still undefeated.
(09-01-84)

BRAZIL

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian middleweight champion Carlos Antunes outpointed veteran Argentine Geronimo Ramirez, 10.
(07-01-84)

►**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian heavyweight champion Jose Adilson Rodriguez halted Louis Pergaud, Cameroon, in nine.

Danilo Batista stopped Ercilio Mesias in five, junior featherweights.

Young heavyweight Eduardo Santos won by a disqualification over veteran Laerte Vaz.
(07-29-84)

ECUADOR

►**QUITO**—Rafael Piamonte, Colombia, and Wellington Weathley, Ecuador, drew, 10, welterweights.

Chilean Juan Piña outclassed Alamiro Montalvo, eight, feathers.

Chilean Junior welterweight Edison Molina won by disqualification over Tony Cuero in the third round.

Chilean Jaime Miranda, usually a flyweight, halted Jorge Monar in six. Both fought as junior feathers.

►**QUITO**—Lightweight Nelson Bolanos outpointed Argentine junior lightweight Jeronimo Luquez, 10.
(08-19-84)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

PERU

►**LIMA—Hipodromo de Monterrico**—Argentine Geronimo Luquez outpointed South American junior lightweight champion Juan Manriquez Garrido, Chile, 10. It was one of the best fights seen in Peru during the last years.

Freedy Chumpitaz outpointed Chilean Juan Carlos Maltes, 10, feathers. (Chilean Jaime Miranda halted Silvestre Carrera, flyweights.
(07-07-84)

VENEZUELA

►**MARACAIBO**—Junior middleweight Luis Primera halted Colombian Ricardo Moreno in the first round. Primera is the President of the Venezuelan Boxers' Union.
(06-02-84)

►**MARACAIBO**—Colombian Alberto Castro retained his Latin American flyweight title by outpointing former WBA champion Betulio Gonzalez in 12 rounds. Young Castro controlled the bout through a constant, effective attack.

Castro is now 11-0. He holds the Colombian crown (won in December 1983 by outclassing Juan Polo and retained by halting Ariel Londoño) and the Latin American title (won from Nicaraguan Nestor William Obregón).

Featherweight Antonio Esparragoza TKO'd Eduardo Laguna in four.
(07-07-84)

EUROPE

BELGIUM

►**ST. JOSSE-TEN-NOODE**—Bachir Chaarane outscored Jacques Schriecke, six, light middles.
(05-11-84)

►**BRUGGE**—Gino DeGraeve outpointed Diego Martines, six, welters.
(05-18-84)

►**LA HESTRE**—Maurice Bufi stopped Didier Kowalski, France, in round six, light middles.

Francisco Rodriguez outpointed Robert Jacquot, six rounds, lights.
(05-26-84)

FINLAND

►**HELSINKI**—Jose Seys, Belgium, upset the odds by knocking out the former amateur star, Tarmo Uusivitra, in the fifth. Seys is now 13-3-1. Uusivitra, who had just returned from New York, is now 6-3.

Esa Veikkola, Finland, outscored Eddy Vandenhouweele, Belgium, eight, light heavies.

Patrick Lumumba, Kenya, halted Marco Vitaglione in the third, light heavies.

Lotanter outscored Haider Nourredine, six rounds, lights.
(05-21-84)

FRANCE

►**ST. BRIEUC**—Anacle Wamba halted Rocky Burton in three, heavies.

Y. Andre outscored J.P. Guillard, six, bantamweights.
(03-10-84)

►**BESANCON**—R. Bankeu outscored M. Abhizer, six rounds, middles.
(03-10-84)

►**CUGNAC**—Pierre Joly knocked out N. M'Wamba in the third round, middles.
(03-16-84)

►**ST. ETIENNE**—Abdel Khaldi outpointed B. Kaidouri, six, light middles.
(03-16-84)

►**ANICHE**—Norbert Alcade stopped P. Van Gaver in the fourth round, lightweights.

Robert Leclerq outpointed Robert Jacquot, six, light welters.
(03-17-84)

►**GRAY**—Pat Grisot outscored Robert Jacquot, six, light welters.
(03-23-84)

►**GARGENVILLE**—Jean Victor Santoncini halted B. Kaidouri in the fourth, light middles.
(03-23-84)

►**SEDAN**—J. Pelamatti outpointed Pat Drelon, six rounds, lightweights.
(04-07-84)

►**DOMFORT**—Gilles Blandin stopped M. Garbi in the third, light welters.
(04-07-84)

►**PERPIGNAN**—Dominique Delorme and Aldo Curti drew, eight rounds, light middles.
(04-07-84)

►**CENON**—A. Matoubella halted B. Boughalem in three, welters.
(04-13-84)

►**PERSAC**—J. Narcam outpointed A. Belhassan, six, light middles.
(04-27-84)

►**BOURG ST. ANDEOL**—Jean Louis Courtail outpointed Gilles Beaurain, six, junior lights.
(04-27-84)

►**ST. MALO**—Gilles Blandin halted Robert Jacquot in the fourth, light welters.
(04-28-84)

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With "special thanks" to Ray Van Laeken, Angel Gonzalez, and Leo Vollnhofer.

GERMANY

►**DORTMUND**—Promoters Kaderka and Lohmann gave Dortmund its first professional boxing show in 17 years. However, it attracted only about 4,000 fans, who seemed lost in the 13,000-seat venue. The top of the card was a European light heavyweight champion bout between Alex Blanchard of Holland and Manfred Jassman of Germany. The ending of the fight was most disappointing, as Jassmann's trainer, Uli Resties, threw in the towel at 1:20 of the fourth round. A right hook sent Jassmann reeling into the ropes, and as Italian referee Roland Barravecchio took up the count, the towel fluttered in. The rule books says a referee should continue the count even when a towel is thrown in. It also forbids a corner from throwing the towel in when a fighter is being given the count. In this case, both are to blame. However, the throwing of the towel and the subsequent stopping of the fight probably saved the German from getting hurt real bad.

Blanchard is ready for any world-class light heavyweight, and that includes Michael Spinks. Spinks agent, George Kanter, said he is willing to bring the world champion to Holland for a defense.

Gaston Franz of Luxembourg and Edmund Horn of France were the judges of the Blanchard-Jassmann bout. Muhammad Ali and Karl Mildenberger, opponents in 1966, were guests of the promoters. Neither got very excited about the main event.

In the main support, heavyweight Michael Behrens knocked out fellow German Hans Gimborn in the third round. In a welterweight matchup, Harry Theodoss, Greece, based in Germany, drew with Dutchman John von Eltern over four rounds.

Graciano Rocchigiani, a middleweight of Dutch-Italian parentage, outscored Batangi Nzolameso, Zaire, over six rounds. Rocchigiani is undefeated in eight bouts.

In a junior lightweight bout, Uganda's Johnny Rubin, who is now based in Germany, knocked out Lahcen Oumghar, Morocco, with a body punch in round five. Oumghar, based in Holland, claimed he was hit low, but his protest was ignored by the official in charge. Rubin is now 7-0.

Ralf Rocchigiani, Germany, outscored Juan Alberto Barrero, Uruguay, over six rounds in a light heavyweight contest.

Another light heavyweight bout saw Lottie Mwale, Zaire, knock out American Dale Walburn in round two. Mwale is now 30-1.
(9-15-84)

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JAPAN

►**KOKURA—West Japan Grand Exhibition Hall**—This was a goodwill card between Japanese and Koreans. The Koreans almost swept the annual competitions, winning nine out of 12 classes.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Jae-Chul Kim (Korea), 107¼, dug solid uppercuts to the midsection of Masato Kudo (Japan), 106½, taking a unanimous decision (59-58, 60-56 and 59-

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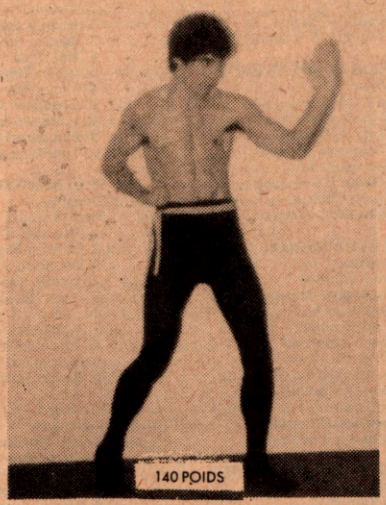

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(AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1984)

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Champion
Keitoku Senrima
1. Shinji Tojo
2. Hiroshi Izumiya
3. Tsutomu Takashiho

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara
1. Mugen Kawasaka
2. Katsuhiro Sawada
3. Takanobu Suzuki
4. Kei Tsukada
5. Tricky Kawaguchi
6. Kenji Chinen
7. Katsuhide Nomura

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Junya Kushikino
1. Nobunaga Kuwata
2. Fujio Ozaki
3. Carlos Elliott
4. Taijiro Niyama
5. Iwao Nishikawa
6. Kozo Fukuya
7. Shoji Okishima
8. Eiji Kimura
9. Masaharu Owada
10. Makoto Mochizuki

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Masahiro Tanabu
2. Nobuyuki Tabata
3. Masaji Fujiwara
4. Ryutaro Otsuki
5. Hammer Itoi
6. Katsunori Hokama
7. Chotaro Nagao
8. No Listing

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hikaru Tomonari
1. Tsuyoshi Hamada
2. Young Hideo
3. Eiji Okita
4. Cheyenne Yamamoto
5. Takeshi Ishido
6. Mitsuteru Higashi
7. Kojiro Sasaki
8. Katsutoshi Takasaki
9. Hideyuki Shikano
10. Masami Tomita

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yonekura Ikhoni
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Kiyoshi Sasaki
3. Junichi Misawa
4. Gen Tosa
5. Isamu Teramoto
6. Tenyu Maruki
7. Tomoyuki Oya
8. Kosaburo Ichihara
9. Fumihiro Honma
10. Tomikazu Kaneshiro

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
2. Mitsuru Sugiya
3. Masahiro Takagi
4. Rusher Kawaguchi
5. Tiger Michigami
6. Roberto Arredondo
7. Yoshinari Tanaka
8. Tatsunari Hisashiro
9. Satsuma Maehahara
10. Koichi Satojima

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Eiji Oyama
2. Takeshi Mitsu
3. Kaoru Yoshioka
4. Satoshi Koguchi
5. Keiji Kawamura
6. Osamu Kazuo
7. Masahide Ikehara
8. Keigo Furuta
9. Takashi Komori
10. No Listing

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mitsuo Imazato
1. Takaharu Nishimura
2. Mitsuru Arasaki
3. Hiroshi Yamamoto
4. Makoto Taguchi
5. Kiyoshi Oyama
6. Kazuhiro Matsuda
7. Masataka Katayama
8. Shotgun Suzuki
9. Fumito Hasegawa
10. Shunsuke Soma

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazuo Katsuma
1. Hiroyuki Seki
2. Mutsuo Watanabe
3. Jackal Maruyama
4. Tadashi Maruo
5. Koichi Sugimoto
6. Yasumasa Kawate
7. Hiroaki Kato
8. Yoshiro Machi
9. Kazuki Higa
10. Jo Shiranui

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Shuichi Hozumi
1. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
2. Kazuyoshi Funaki
3. Takashi Sakakibara
4. Koji Nishikawa
5. Takashiro Masaki
6. Yuto Kazaki
7. Sendai Cordoba
8. Leonpard Tamakuma
9. Keiji Sato
10. Yoshikazu Kurashita

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Kuramochi
1. Yoshiaki Nojima
2. Tetsumi Takeshita
3. Rikuo Watanabe
4. Yoshiyuki Uchida
5. Kentoku Nakama
6. Hideto Osanai
7. Tomohiro Kiuna
8. Masato Kudo
9. Hayabusa Kenji
10. Kenji Ono

Other Japanese world boxers ranked by the WBA and/or WBC: Hidekazu Akaki (#9 WBC junior welterweight), Koji Kobayashi (#6 WBC flyweight), Sendai Montiel (#9 WBC junior flyweight), Kenbun Taiho (#10 WBA junior flyweight), Ozeki Torres (#2 WBC junior flyweight; #7 WBA), Katsuo Tokashiki (#9 WBA junior flyweight).

57), six.

FLYWEIGHT: Suk-Bong Kim (K), 113½, overwhelmed Tsutomu Kawakami (J), 109¾, with a couple of knockdowns, and scored a fine stoppage at 1:26 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT: Young-Duk Park (K), 114½, came of the canvas in the first round, and battered Takeshi Tokumaru (J), 114, out of the ropes to finish him at 1:23 of the second session in their six.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Yong-Nae Kim (K), 119, was awarded a majority decision (60-58, 60-59, and 59-59) over Shingo Hayakawa (J), 117½, six. A close affair.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Byung-Soo Park, Korean fifth ranked contender at 122, exploded wicked rights to the jaw of Taro Akiyama (J), also 122, finishing him at 1:40 of the third round in their six. Park is now 12-0 with six kayoes.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Chung-Won Chung (K), the winner of the Novice King tourney at 126, made short work of Hiroshi Yamaguchi (J), 125½, demolishing him with a solid body shot in 1:48 of the first round in a six.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Tae-Yong Koh (K), his country's number eight contender at 129¾, survived a first round knockdown and fought back to a draw with Takashi Okamoto (J), 129, six.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Chu-Chul Yum (K), 134¾, overpowered Kazushi Hara (J), 132¼, dropping him twice to cause referee Kazumasa Kuwata to call a halt at 2:16 of the fourth round in their six.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Ki-Jung Park (K), 139, released his opening attacks and sank Joe Yamaguchi (J), 137½, for the count in 0:43 of the first round in their six.

WELTERWEIGHT: Jung-Han Chung (K), 146, floored Tadashi Maruo, 144¾, in the first session and eked out a majority decision (59-56, 58-57, 58-58), six.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT: In-Kyu Son (K), the KBC's third ranked contender at 153½, was held to a majority draw by Ryo Asuka (J), 152¼, six.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Shuji Morita (J), 159¼, became the sole Japanese winner of the night, scoring a majority decision (59-56, 59-57, 59-59) of Tae-Kyum Kim (K), the KBC's third ranked contender at 159½, six.

Four rounders: Two bouts supported the Japanese vs. Korean competitions. Masayuki Takagi, 124, unanimously decisioned Shinji Kobayashi, 126. Mastomo Yamazaki, 145¼, stopped Yoshitaka Okamoto, also 145¼, at 1:22 of the fourth and final round.

Attendance—2,300. No telecast.

(07-16-84)

►**OKAZAKI CITY—Kozan Arena**—Repeated failures to win the national crowns caused Central Japan (Nagoya district) to stage a local title bout. Fukuichi Ota, 120¼, became the Central Japanese junior featherweight titlist by scoring a unanimous decision over Yoshinao Yotsuda, 121¼, eight. Neither was ranked by the JBC. Ota dropped his rival in round four. Scoring: referee Ushida, 80-76; judges Kondo and Ito, 79-70 and 79-75; all for Ota.

Four rounders: Taro Mochizuki, 135, stopped Tsuneo Okuda, 132½, at 2:22 of the first round. Koji Kitamura, 128¼, halted Tetsuya Hyodo, 126¾, at 2:24 of the second session. Yuji Nakajima, 116¾, finished Takeo Suzuki, 117¼, at 2:53 of the third round. Ryota Iwamoto, 114¾, won from Tamada, 112. Toshiro Ueki, 139¾, stopped Yoshihiro Nakamura, 132½, at 2:49 of the first session. Shinichi Kuroda, 108, was also a kayo winner over Tomohisa Takayama, 107¾, at 2:59 of the second round. Koichi Doi, 125¾, halted Hiroyuki Morishige, 105, at 0:28 of the opening canto. Yukihiko Kawase, 121½, disposed of Yukiya Ijichi, 121¼, at 2:37 of the first round. Koichiro Akiyama, 121½, won from Toshihiro Asakura, 121¼, in the opener.

Promoted by the Central Japan *Shinjin-o* Committee.

(07-21-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Having been kayoed in their previous encounter, ex-water polo player Eiji Okita, the JBC's fourth ranked junior lightie at 132¼, turned the tables by copping a unanimous decision from Kazushi Maehara, 131, ten.

Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 98-95; judges Masakazu Uchida and Shoji Nakamori, both 98-96 all for Okita. Okita is now 7-1 with three kayoes. Maehara, a sturdy puncher, fell to 8-6-2 with seven kayoes.

Koji Nishikawa, the JBC's second ranked flyweight at 111, lost to veteran Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 112, by a unanimous decision (98-95, 98-96, 97-95), 10.

Keigo Furuta, 124¾, was awarded a TKO win over Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 124, at 1:35 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Referee Kodai Kumazaki declared it a technical draw, but the protest of Furuta's corner forced the ref to change it to a TKO. The loser bled from the eyelid beginning in round four. Furuta is now 8-5-2 with two knockouts. Fukugomori is 9-10 with three kayoes.

Ikuo Watanabe, 112, dropped Kenzo Yokozawa, 111¼, with a straight right in the first round and won a unanimous nod, 6. Shunichi Akira, 140, won from Naomi Fuji, 139½. Takashi Sato, 139½, stopped Takeshi Yamaguchi, 139¾, at 2:18 of the second canto. Tetsuo Ohata, 117½, outscored Masayuki Uema, 117½, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Satio Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-26-84).

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Shunsuke Soma, the winner of the *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney, was 7-0 with as many knockouts. However, Soma, a heavy favorite at 117½, was downed twice by unheralded Shotgun Suzuki, 117¼, in the fifth round, losing a unanimous decision, eight.

Shotgun, a year his junior at 21, displayed good left hooks and upped his log to 6-2-2 with two kayoes.

In the semi-final eight, another Novice King tourney winner, Eiji Kimura, 143¼, floored Shigeki Matsui, 143¼, with a wicked left hook. But a follow-up produced a collision of heads in the second round. Matsui was streaming blood too badly to continue, so ref Morita called it a technical draw at 1:00 of the round. Kimura is now 7-0-1 with six kayoes. Matsui, five years his senior at 27, fell to 4-5-1 with three knockouts.

Keiichi Ozaki, 118, won an upset majority decision over Kazuya Kadoi, 117½, six.

Four rounders: Yoshifumi Kitajima, 133¾, kayoed Jun Takahashi, 134¼, at Okada, 121½, at 2:27 of the opening canto. Daisaku Kato, 122, drew with Kimio Koyama, also 122. Yukihiro Kimura, 117¼, demolished Yoshihiro Kaji, 117½, at 1:57 of the third session. These four bouts were fought in this year's Novice King tournaments. Kunihiko Onishi, 145½, halted Kengo Yoshida, 143¼, at 2:05 of the first round. Hiroshi Morozumi, 111¾, stopped Kiyoshi Sakurayashiki, 111¼, at 2:00 of the second session in the opener.

Keihin Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,600.

(07-29-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Leopardo Tamakuma, a 5'8" junior flyweight at 110¼, took a standing count in round four, but fought back hard to stop Hitoshi Taniuchi, 109¼, at 3:08 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Tamakuma, this year's Novice King tourney winner, dropped his shorter opponent twice in the fatal round. He is now 7-1 with one kayo. Eiji Kikusaki, 141¼, kayoed Toyoharu Aizawa, 143, in 2:57 of the first round in six. Kikusaki, 7-0, looks promising.

Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, 117½, halted Yuichi Shima, also 117½, at 1:31 of the third round in a six.

Shinichi Enomoto, 124½, disposed of Kunio Takanami, 125, at 2:37 of the third session in their scheduled six.

Four rounders: Bishnu Malacal, 135, outpointed Ichiro Nakamura, 134. Kazuyoshi Miura, 115,, TKO'd Masaaki Sakata, also 115, at the end of the opening session. Akira Kiyono, 116¼, won from Takao Yoshida, 108, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Kokusai and Soka Arisawa Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,500.

(07-30-84)

►**OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Sensational U.S. puncher Carlos Elliott, 22, had demolished all men he has faced in six bouts since he turned pro in Japan. Carlos, 145, challenged Japanese welterweight champ Junya Kushikino, the WBC's 20th ranked contender at 146, but was badly kayoed in 1:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

In the first five rounds, it was all Carlos. He had the 30-year-old defending champ on the verge of a kayo loss, battering the Japnese with roundhouse hooks. Kushikino weathered the storm desperately. Carlos was soon exhausted, and Kushikino's right crosses to the temple sent him to the deck. Having beaten the count, Carlos was almost punched out over the top rope. Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi called a stoppage. This is Kushikino's 12th consecutive defense (with 11 kayoes), improving his log to 28-13 with 23 knockouts. Elliott, a promising puncher, suffered his first setback.

In the semi-final 10, Yoshikazu Kurashita, a lanky 107¾, scored a TKO over Gonzaburo Nobu, 108, at 1:48 of the second round. Kurashita, the JBC's ninth ranked junior fly, is now 7-1 with four knockouts. Nobu fell to 11-9 with five kayoes.

Masayoshi Matsuura, 126, won a majority nod over Koichi Satojima, All Japan Novice King tourney winner at 126, in an upset six. The winner had the prohibitive favorite at bay in round three, and endured Satojima's revenging rallies in the last two sessions. Satojima, the JBC's ninth ranked featherweight, dropped to 6-3-2 with four kayoes. Matsuura, a lanky boxer,, is 6-4-1 with two knockouts.

Michio Kawakami, 117½, stopped Hiroshi Tsutsumi, 117¼, at 2:59 of the first session in a six. (Takeshi Ogawa, 135, drew with Hiroyuki Matsumoto, 132½, six.

Four rounders: Akio Inoue, 172½, kayoed Junichi Kurimoto, 174½, at 2:35 of the second round. Yosuke Kubota, 132¾, outscored Hisayuki Matsushita, 131¾, in the opener.

Co-promoted by Shinko and Kazama Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—3,800.

(07-30-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Ex-Japanese lightweight champ Fujio Ozaki, 142¾, moved up to the junior welterweight division, and pummeled Kozo Fukutani, 143¼, into submission at the end of the sixth round in a 10.

Ozaki, coached by former world junior lightweight boss Hiroshi Kobayashi, boosted his log to 14-3 with seven kayoes. Kozo, 9-7 with eight kayoes, decided to hang up his gloves for good after suffering his third consecutive loss.

The referee was Yusaku Yoshida. This was his final job of refereeing, and there was a farewell ceremony for Yoshida prior to the main event. He has worked as a prominent third man for 25 years.

Takashi Sakakibara, 117¼, gained a onesided duke over Takeshi Shiranui (previously fighting as Noriaki Kato), 118, ten. Scoring: referee Ken Morita and judge Shoji Nakamori, both 100-95; judge Takeo Ugo 99-95—all for the lanky footworker.

Tomoyuki Oya, 129, eked out a close decision over Michio Jinbo, the Novice King tourney winner ranked seventh in the junior lightweight class by the JBC at 130, six. Oya is 6-3-2 with two kayoes. Jinbo fell to 5-1-1 with three knockouts.

Four rounders: Tadahiro Kikuchi, 117½, stopped Naoki Morioka, 117¼, at 2:10 of the fourth round. Tomoji Kagaya, 145¾, halted Yukio Midorikawa, 144¼, at 2:45 of the final session. Keiji Kawade, 139¼, outscored Iwao Otomo, 138. Hiroyuki Kyoda, 122, won from Takayuki Taira, 121¼. Masaya Takahashi, 128½, stopped Yoshiteru Sato, 129, at 1:50 of the second round in the opener.

Teiken Productions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,000.

(08-02-84)

►**CHIGASAKI—City Gymnasium**—Yoshiaki Nojima, a busy moving junior fly at 107, survived a first round standing count, and came back hard to score a split decision over Kenji Ono, 107¾, 10. Takeshi Irakai, 111½, drew with Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 111, six.

Four rounders: Norikazu Kaneda, 134, outscored Masamichi Hashiguchi, 134¼. Haruyuki Kurokawa, 130, stopped Hideaki Fujii, 128, at 1:07 of the second session. Takehito Yoshijima, 129, drew with Kenji Imagawa, 129½. Shijichi Ozawa, 114½, demolished Makoto Sawamura, also 114½, at 2:32 of the fourth and final session in the opener.

(08-04-84)

►**NAHA CITY, OKINAWA—Onoyama Gymnasium**—IBF bantamweight champ Satoshi Shingaki, 117¾, kept his crown by taking a split decision over Filipino Joves de la Puz, 117½, 15. Scoring: 147-144, 146-144 (for Shingaki) and 144-143 (for Joves). The 20-year-old lanky southpaw Hitoshi battered the challenger effectively in the sixth to 10th rounds. After the 10th, Shingaki tried to economize his stamina in order to keep his points lead. He is now 8-1-1 with six kayoes in 10 bouts.

Attendance—4,200. (This card was not sanctioned by the JBC.)

(08-04-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fumihiro Honma, 129½, won a majority decision over Yasushi Shimoji, 130, eight. Scoring: referee Shimakawa, 78-78; judges Kumazaki and Tezaki, 78-76 and 78-77, respectively. Honma is now 8-4-1 with three kayoes. Shimoji is 6-1-1 with three knockouts.

Kozaburo Ichihara, 130, halted Shigemichi Wakatsuki, also 130, at 2:33 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight.

Shunichi Nakajima, 119¾, TKO'd Kazuichi Murata, 119¾, at 1:55 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Yoshito Kumakawa, 127¾, kayoed Hiroshi Kojima, 128¾, in 1:54 of the first round. Shinichi Iwasaki, 115, outpointed Masataka Fujiwara, 114½, in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions.

(08-21-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Kazuo Katsuma, 115, retained his Japanese junior bantamweight title by knocking out Yasumasa Kawade, also 115, in 2:47 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Katsuma, 26, is now 15-8-1 with 11 kayoes. Kawade, 22, is 4-2 with one knockout.

Tadashi Kuramochi, 108, won the vacant Japanese junior flyweight crown by stopping Kenji Hayabusa (previously known as Kazuhiro Ikeda), also 108, at 2:50 of the fourth round in their scheduled 10. Kuramochi, 22, is now 12-1-2 with four kayoes. Hayabusa, down five times, is 15-5 with 10 knockouts.

Takeshi Mitsu, 125, halted Nobuharu Sekine, also 125, at 2:52 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Mitsu is ranked third by the JBC.

Four-rounders: Kazuhiko Nishioka, 124¾, outscored Hitoshi Saito, 125½. Iwao Fukui, 139½, outpointed Yuji Mineyama, 140. Yukichi Sugawa, 118, outscored Tetsuo Obata, also 118. Hiroyuki Miyata, 107½, decisioned Tomoo Matsumoto, 108. Mitsuo Inami, 107¾, TKO'd Masayuki Aono, 107½, at 2:08 of the fourth round in the opener.

Shinto Promotions. TV Asahi.

(08-28-84)

►**TSUCHIURA CITY—Tsuchiura Sports Center**—Rusher Kawaguchi, 125, knocked out veteran southpaw Joe Hayato, 124¼, in 1:30 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.

Four-rounders: Tomio Shibata, 117½, TKO'd Soichi Higuchi, 118, at 0:40 of the fourth round. Yoshihiro Yamaguchi, 112, outscored Koji Yagiu, 111½. Michio Kurosawa, 121¼, stopped Yoshio Kobayashi, 122, at 1:50 of the first. Tatsuya Seto, 114¼, kayoed Minoru Sakata, 113¾, in 1:40 of the second. Tu Sasaki, 121¼, kayoed Tetsuji Yamamoto, 120¾, in 0:44 of the first round. Hirokazu Shiota, 125½, finished Tatsuya Noda, 126, in 2:52 of the third canto. Masashige Ishii, 134¼, TKO'd Hiroyuki Ogura, 135, at 2:07 of the third round. Tatsuzo Niiyama, 145½, stopped Hiroshi Endo, 147, at 1:50 of the first round in the opener.

Yamaguchi Tsuchiura Promotions. No telecast.

(09-01-84)

►**OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium**—Hidekazu Akai, 142¾, the WBC's ninth ranked junior welter, won a unanimous decision over William Mardizon, 10. Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 100-93; judges Matsumoto and Fujita, 100-92 and 100-88, respectively. Akai is now 19-1 with 16 kayoes.

Koichi Sugimoto, 116½, won a unanimous decision over Armando Cordova, 116¾, Cordova, 10. The scores were 100-94, 100-96, and 98-93. Sugimoto is now 6-3.

Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 125½, halted Toshi Okuma, 126, at 2:09 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10.

Southpaw Hideaki Kamishiro, 116½, made his pro debut by stopping Shori Kaneshima, 117½, at 1:57 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Tatsuya Yamada, 112½, kayoed Yasuhide Tamada, 110½, in 2:39 of the fourth and final session. Masayuki Irakai, 129¾, polished off Kanji Shinohara, 127¾, in 0:48 os the first round. Akira Hamada, 112, kayoed Masaji Fukuyama, 111½, in 0:42 of the first. Shinichi Sugita, 111½, TKO'd Hiroshi Sakonnojo, 111½, at 0:33 of the fourth round. Osamu Hirata, 107¾, outscored Teruaki Miyasato, 107½. Yukinari Oshiro, 107¼, halted Koichi Chunoh, 105¼, at 1:09 of the third round in the opener.

Sanwa Tsuda Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—8,000 (estimated).

(09-05-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Japanese flyweight champion Shuichi Hozumi, 113, won a unanimous decision over Allan Makitoki, also 113, Philippines, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 100-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-95; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-97. Hozumi, the WBC's 17th ranked flyweight, is now 25-3 with seven kayoes. Makitoki had been ranked 11th by the WBC.

Nobuyuki Tabata, 146, halted Kei Tsukada, 145¼, at 1:56 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Tabata is now 12-2-1 with 12 kayoes. Tsukada is 2-4-3.

Four-rounders: Mark Horikoshi, 124¾, kayoed Toru Kosuga, 125½, in 3:02 of the first round. Hiroyuki Kyoda, 122, halted Hirotaka Idekai, 121½, at 1:20 of the fourth frame. Masaya Takahashi, 129, and Mitsuharu Kasajima, 128¾, drew. Toyokazu Sekito, 117½, stopped Tadahiro Kikuchi, 118, at 1:00 of the second. Keiji Kawade, 139¼, stopped Shunichi Akari, 138¾, at 1:02 of the third round. Toshimi Miura, 114¾, finished Yasuo Igarashi, 114, at 0:32 of the fourth round in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

(09-06-84)

►**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Tsuyoshi Hamada knocked out former WBA lightweight champion Claude Noel, 135½, in 1:17 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. This was Hamada's 14th straight kayo—a Japanese record.

Hamada, a 23-year-old southpaw, stalked Noel from the first bell, and floored him with a solid left hand in the fatal canto. Noel rose but went down again—for the full count—from a furious combination.

Hamada is now 15-1 with 15 kayoes. One other bout was called "no contest."

Mitsuo Imazato, 117½, retained his Japanese bantamweight title with a unanimous decision over Fumito Hasegawa, 117¾, 10. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida, 99-92; judge Takeo Ugo, 100-94; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 100-93. Imazato, 22, is piloted by former world bantamweight king Fighting Harada. His record is now 18-7 with nine kayoes. Hasegawa, 23, is 10-7-1 with seven knockouts.

Shunji Tsuchiya, 111¼, outscored Yuichi Uchida, 111¾, six.

Haruhito Sakamoto, 125¾, stopped Tomomi Shimabukuro, 125½, at 2:15 of the third round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Kazuhiko Akira, 114¼, outpointed Seiji Hara, 114½, Tomoji Kagaya, 146¾, halted Kunihiko Onishi, 145¾, at 1:01 of the fourth round in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

(09-09-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Heung-Sok Yuh, the Korean Commission's second ranked lightie at 136½, found it easy to catch Filipino Rolando Magramo, 135¾, and dispose of him at 0:11 of the second round in a 10. Yuh, previously rated 10th by the WBA, bettered his log to 20-1-3 with 16 kayoes. Magramo fell to 12-3-2 with six knockouts.

Jung-Won Moon, 159¾, outpointed Ki-Youl Lee, 160½, eight.

Oh-Kyung Lee, 130¾, kayoed Jin Han, also 130¾, in 1:57 of the seventh round in an eight.

Joung-Pyo Kim, 118, finished Ung-San Choi, 117½, at 0:34 of the eighth and final session.

Suk-Kwon Lee, 119¾, stopped Jun-Hak Lee, 119½, at 2:39 of the third canto in the four-round opener.

Saeki Promotions.

(07-06-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Unbeaten Oh-Kong Son, 109¾, hit the deck from a countering left hook of Moon-Jin Choi, the WBC's 10th-ranked light flyweight at 109¼, but gamely fought back to win a unanimous decision, 10. From the fifth round on, Son was stalking the fading Choi all the way. Son is now 16-0 with six kayoes. Moon-Jin dropped to 19-3-2 with four kayoes.

In the semi-final, Kyung-Soon Kim, the KBC's fourth ranked middleweight at 156, was held to a draw with Sang-Do Chung, 155¼, 10. Kim is now 7-4-3 with three kayoes. Chung is 6-1-2 with two knockouts.

Soon-H Kuk, 113, was awarded a technical decision over Yun-Ho Park, 113½, at 2:59 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Chun-Soo Kang, 122, won over Man-Shik You, 122½, six.

Yong-Un Kim, 127¾, won over Duk-Han Bae, 126¾, by disqualification at 2:59 of the third round in a six. Chang-Ho Chun, 110, stopped Sung-Kyu Park, 109¾, at 1:50 of the second round in their six.

Four rounders: Soon-Kap Hong, 114¾, polished off Chung-Il Yuh, 114½, at 2:22 of the first round. Hyun-Wo Pyo, 114, outscored Ki-Tae Ahn, also 114. Kyung-Shik Oh, 138½, won from Kye-Rak Park, 138¼, in the opener.

Wonjin Productions.

(07-07-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—IBF world junior featherweight champ Seung-In Suh, 122, successfully kept his crown for the first time, as he exploded a solid right to kayo Cleo Garcia, a Nicaraguan challenger at 121¾, in 3:02 of the fourth round in a scheduled 15.

Having captured the IBF crown via a 10th round stoppage of Filipino lefty Bobby Berna last April, Seung-In displayed fine power punching against the game Nicaraguan. Tomas Everesto (Philippines), referee. Suh, 25, is now 22-3 with 12 kayoes. Garcia is reportedly 34-9-1 with 25 knockouts.

In the semi-final, rising prospect Chan-Young Park, the WBA's seventh ranked bantie at 120½, attacked Mexican Jorge Ramirez, 120, copping a unanimous decsion, 10.

Park is now 20-2-2 with six kayoes. Ramirez, the WBC's 10th ranked 118-pounder, is 19-4 with 10 knockouts. It was a dull affair; Ramirez kept moving away from Park's left jabs.

Kum-Sup Han, 114, drew with Chong-Ho Shin, 113½, eight.

Byung-Hyun Bun, 110, stopped Joung-Dae Lee, 110¼, at 2:59 of the sixth and final round.

Oh-Young Ji, 123¼, was awarded a technical decision over Jun-Hyun Yun, 123½, at 0:15 of the third round in a six.

Chong-Kuk Son, 114¼, won from Heung-Sup Oum, 113½, six.

Four rounders: Sung-Hyun Park, 125½, outpointed Hong-Keun Kim, 125. Youn-Ho Kim, 123¼, decisioned Chang-Suk Choi, 123¼. Ho-Jung Kim, 116¾, drew with Hyung-Tae Kim, 116½, in the opener.

Dong-A Promotions. MBC TV.

(07-08-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Hard punching Dong-Chun Lee, the WBA's ninth ranked junior bantie at 118, proved too strong for Japanese Tadashi Marou, also 118, halting him at 1:39 of the seventh round in a 10. Marou fought hard, but was floored by Lee's rights in rounds four and seven. The loser's cornerman tossed in the towel to save him from further punishment.

Lee is now 19-5-1 with seven kayoes. Maruo fell to 8-2 with seven knockouts. The semi-final saw Kyu-Chan Cho, the Korean sixth ranked junior bantie at 122½, drop Japanese Makoto Taguchi, 122¼, thrice and kayo him at 1:59 of the third round in a 10. Cho is now 13-5-1 with four kayoes. Taguchi impaired to 13-5-1 with nine kayoes.

Yong-Ho Kim, 120¼, lost to Soon-Chul Lee, also 120 ¼, six.

Rae-Ki Ahn, 111¾, outscored Chun-Wo Gu, 112, six.

Young-Chul Gu, 114¼, won from Il-Wan Kim, 114, six.

Four rounders: Hyung-Man Kim, 110, stopped In-Soo Kim, also 110, at 0:40 of the fourth and final session. Sung-Hyun Kang, 116½, drew with Kwang-Hi Park, 116¼. Sung-Yul Sung, 110¾, finished Song-Jik Lee, 112, at 0:39 of the third session in the opener.

Waryong Productions.

(07-14-84)

►**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Former OPBF middleweight champ Kyung-Min Nah, 163, furiously battered Japanese Hiroshi Izumiya, 161½, and stopped him at 1:30 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Nah, dethroned by ex-champ Chong-Pal Prk in their rematch, had been inactive since that defeat. But he proved too powerful for Izumiya. Nah is now 14-1 with fourteen kayoes.

Sung-Yun Kim, 128, halted Han-Joung Kim, also 128, at 2:35 of the fourth round in a scheduled eight.

Song-Soo Choi, 112, lost to Ki-Young Kim, 112½, six.

Four rounders: Young-Rae Choi, 137½, outpointed Min-

Chul Cho, 137¾. Chung-Gu Moon, 115¼, finished Jong-Young Lee, 115½, at 1:04 of the second round. You-Soo Kim, 118¾, decisioned Yong-Muk Choi, 119, in the opener.
Ilhwa Productions.
(07-14-84)

►**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean junior middleweight champ Jae-Hyung Yuh, 157¾, caught up with Japan's Shinji tojo, the JBC's second ranked middleweight at 159½, dropping him twice before the towel was tossed in at 1:58 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.
Yuh thus upped his log to 23-3 with 20 kayoes.
Ki-Hae Song, 148¾, demolished Hi-Ki Chang, 147½, at 142 of the third round in an eight.
Hyun-Il Kim, 128, outscored Sun-Hwan Suh, 127½.
Jung-Kuk Lee, 124¼, outpointed Chong-Chul Park, 123¾, eight.
Jae-Ho Lee, 114¼, drew with Tae-Hyun Cho, 114½, eight.
Dong-Hi Cho, 128, won from Kyu-Yong Choi, 127½, six.
Sung-In Lee, 154, stopped Hyo-Won Yang, 154¼, at 2:43 of the first round in the four-round opener.
Saeki Promotions. MBC TV.
(07-15-84)

►**MOKPO—University Gymnasium**—Stripped of his OPBF flyweight title due to his failure to defend it within a year, Hi-Sup Shin, 111½, was allowed to enter the eliminator and became the champ again by stopping Filipino Rene Busayong, 112, at 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 12. The lefty Shin, destroyed by Santos Laciar in the first round, is still one of the best 112-pounders. Hi-sup is now 30-2-1 with 15 kayoes.
Bong-Chun Park, 134½, outpointed Heung-Shik Shin, also 134½, eight.
Suk-Bong Kim, 114¾, halted Kap-Moon Shin, 114¼, at 2:20 of the second round in a six.
Four rounders: Tai-Youl Suh, 119, stopped Chun-Suk Kim, also 119, at 1:10 of the first session. Chun-Tak Kim, 117½, decisioned Yong-Un Lee, 117½. Shin-Heung Lee, 120¼, won from Duk-Joo Lee, 120¼. Jun-Won Kang, 110¼, drew with Byung-Kwan Chung, also 110¼, in the opener.
Kukdong Promotions.
(07-17-84)

►**SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—The results of preliminaries in the IBF super middleweight title bout (in which Chong-Pal Park dethroned Murray Sutherland via an eleventh round kayo):
Former WBC flyweight champ Eleoncio Mercedes, 114¾, lost to Chong-Kwan Chung, 114½, on a technical decision at 2:21 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Chung is now 10-8-2 with two kayoes. Chung had fought very well against German Torres until he collapsed in nine rounds in October, 1982. His victory over Mercedes was a real upset.
Mercedes fell to 21-7-2 with nine kayoes.
Jin-Hong Kim, 124, kayoed Chul-Nam Koh, also 124, at 2:12 of the sixth and final round.
Jae-Moon Yuh, 124, outpointed Yang-Soo Park, 124½, eight.
Ul-Chul Choung, 110, decisioned Chang-Ho Chung, 110¼, six.
Four-rounders: Shi-Il Kim, 124, stopped Byung-Kon Jin, 124¼, at 1:49 of the first round. Kyung-Shik Chun, 111¼, won from Kil-Sow Lee, 110. Ki-Boun Kim, 128¾, lost to Chong-Han Kim, 128½. Houn Lee, 125¾, kayoed Soo-Nam Song, 125, at 1:09 of the first round in the opener.
Dong-A Promotions.
(07-22-84)

►**HWASUNG—Hwasung Arena**—OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek was another champ whose title was stripped by the OPBF; he failed to defend his crown within a year.
But Baek, 154, regained his laurels by stopping Indonesian Albert Bapaimo, 153¾, at 1:21 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12-round eliminator.
Baek upped his log to 31-1 including 31 kayoes. Bapaimo dropped to 16-3-2 with 11 kayoes.
Sung-Ho Kim, 120, stopped Cha-Suk Oh, 119½, at 2:04 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.
Four rounders: Sang-Moon Lee, 118¾, finished Kyong-Taek Chung, 118¾, at 3:00 of the second session. Sung-Bok Lee, 131¼, halted Jin-Ho Choi, 131, at 0:11 of the second round. Eung-Kyu Son, 127½, fought to a technical draw with Un-Young Lee, 137¾, at 2:43 of the second round. Houn-Duk Chung, 116, outscored Hyung-Nam Lim, 114¾. Soon-Dal Sun, 120¾, won from Won-Taek Lim, 121¼, in the opener.
(07-23-84)

►**PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium**—IBF world junior bantamweight champ Ju-Do Chun, 115, kept his crown, as he aggressively attacked Filipino challenger William Develos, 114¼, and disposed of him at 1:42 of the seventh round in a scheduled 15-round title bout.
Chun dropped the game Filipino with a straight right in round two, banged him out and floored him with a flurry of punches in the seventh. Develos was unable to beat the count.
Chun, who has shown rapid progress, is 18-1-3 with eight kayoes.
In the semi-final 10, Korean lightweight champ Suk-Kyu Park, 134¾, displayed his power punching in disposing of Young-Wan Kim, 134½, at 2:11 of the fourth round. The hard punching Park thus boosted his log to 19-3-3 with 11 kayoes. Kim fell to 9-6-1 with five knockouts.
Ji-Hong Kim, 124½, outscored Hyung-Hwan Kang, 124, six. Chang-Wo Lee, 116¾, drew with Sung-Kwan Lee, 116¼, six.
Four rounders: Hyung-Kyu Kim, 118¾, also drew with Kang-Chul Lee, 118¾. Bong-Ho Choi, 119¼, stopped Chong-Moon Kim, 118½, at 1:33 of the second round. Jun How, 110¼, halted Jae-Kyun Kim, also 110¼, at 2:44 of the first round. Ho-Jung Kim, 120, outpointed Wee-Shik Cho, 118½, in the opener.
Asia Promotions.
(07-20-84)

►**KUNSAN—Kunsan Girl's School Gymnasium**—Kwang-Gu Park, the KBC's second ranked junior bantie at 116¾, won a decision from Filipino Tito Gregorio, also 116¾, 10.
Park ran his log to 11-0-1.
Dong-Yong Hwang, 110, stopped Filipino Nick Dalisay, also 110, at 3:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Hwang, a former amateur star, is now 4-0 with one kayo. He is rated third in the 108-pound class by the Korean Commission.
The first 10 saw Yong-Kap Choi, Korean junior featherweight champ at 122, keep his crown by stopping Youn-Shil Kim, also 122, at 2:57 of the sixth round in their 10.
Choi is now 13-3 with five kayoes. Kim fell to 3-3 with one kayo.
Young-Sub Cho, 115½, halted Jin-Sub Kim, 115¾, at 1:34 of the first round.
Four rounders: Du-San Kim, 121¼, finished Jung-Ki Kim, 121, at 2:53 of the first round. Byung-Ho Park, 128, halted Dae-Kyu Park, also 128, at 2:39 of the third canto. No-Sung Choi, 111, won from Sung-Yul Sung, 110. Kwon-Hyung Na, 118, disposed of Jae-Shik Chung, also 118, at 2:48 of the third round. Sang-Hyun Han, 110, outscored Chung-Yong Kim, 110. Young-Man Kim, 124, finished Ung Kim, 122¾, at 2:30 of the first round in the opener.
Palpal Promotions.
(08-01-84)

►**JINJU—Junju Student Gymnasium**—OPBF junior featherweight champ Ki-Yung Chung, 125¼, kept his crown by outscoring Filipino Ronaldo Sumalis, 126, 12.
Chung thus boosted his log to 25-4-2 with six kayoes.
The semi-final 10 was an eliminator to decide the new Korean bantamweight champ. Ki-Yul Kang, 117¾, took the title by stopping Jae-Myung Choi, 118, at 0:56 of the second.
Kang is now 10-2 with eight kayoes. Choi fell to 12-3-3 with five knockouts.
Jin-Suk Chang, 128½, won from Yung-Suk Koh, also 128½, six.
Chang-Yung Chang and Ul-Chul Chung, both 110, drew.
Chun-Shik Park, 115¼, won from Jae-Keun Cho, 115, in four.
Ryung-Kuk Choi, 120¾, drew with Kyung-Chul Park, also 120¾, in the opener.
Hanjin Promotions.
(08-15-84)

►**POHANG—Pohang Indoor Gymnasium**—The results of preliminaries in the WBC light flyweight title bout between Jung-Koo Chang and Japanese challenger Katsuo Tokashiki were as follows:
Kyu-Eun Choi, the KBC's top lightweight contender at 137½, won a decision from Filipino champ Jongjong Pacquing, also 137½, 10.
Former OPBF welterweight boss Chung-Jae Hwang, 151½, stopped Filipino Fred Galand, 151¼, at 2:01 of the second round in their 10. Hwang, a clever boxer with a glass jaw, upped his log to 26-3 with 24 kayoes.
Ji-Hong Kim, 121¼, drew with Shin-Hong Lee, 121¾, six.
Four rounders: Eung-Kyu Son, 134¼, halted Ho-Son Lee, 131¼, at 1:44 of the second round. Tae-Yul Suh, 119, TKO'd Hae-Dong Park, 119, at the end of the first round. Woo-Chun Kim, 115, won from Hyung-Tae Kim, also 115. Hyun-Jae Hwang, 129½, outpointed Jun-Kil Choi, 129¾, in the opener.
Kukdong Promotions. KBS TV in Korea and TBS TV in Japan.
(08-18-84)

Joe Koizumi & Yoo-Chang Kim

PHILIPPINES

►**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, 113, won the Filipino junior bantamweight crown with a unanimous decision over Diego de Villa, 113, 12.
Edwin Inocencio, 108, scored a TKO win over George Yson, 112, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Kid Kanashiro, 112, knocked out Little Thongco, 113, in the fourth session in the first 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(06-02-84)

►**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Filipino lightweight champ Jongjong Pacquing, 137, was TKO'd by Johnny Sato, 135, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Reynaldo Rodis, promoter.
(06-02-84)

►**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—John Matienza, 113½, scored a unanimous decision over Zaldy Baguio, 113¾, 10.
Tito Gregorio, 114, stopped Jun Fernandez, 115, in the 10th and final round.
Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
(06-08-84)

►**MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO**—Kid Baguer, Jr., the GAB's fifth ranked featherweight at 122, fought to a unanimous draw with Rudy Cabiels, also 122, 10.
Benhur Bedia, promoter.
(06-10-84)

►**TACURONG, SULTAN KUDARAT**—Up-and-coming Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's number three flyweight at 112, TKO'd Milky Javien, 112, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Carmelino Buenaflor, promoter.
(06-10-84)

►**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**—Four 10-rounders made up the card.
Mike de Guzman, former national champ at 145, stopped veteran Joe Lim, also 145, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Morris Pastor, 122, lost an upset decision to Telly Sauro, 122, 10.
Eddie Camero, 131, won a unanimous duke over Albert Saxon, also 131, lightweight boss Fred Pastor, 145, 10.
Antonio Esguerra, promoter.
(06-12-84)

►**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Former OPBF junior bamtam champ William Develos, 119, won a unanimous decision over Pablo Pepito, 121, 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Filipino flyweight champ Rene Busayong, 113, TKO'd Henry Balina, 112, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Major V. Deocariza, referee.
Boy Abuela, 123, knocked out Rudy Grande, 123, in the seventh round of their 10.
Rocky Allapitan, 122, won a unanimous nod over Sandy Noora, 121½, 10. Erbito Salavarria, former world flyweight champ, referee.
Momomg Manaay, 125½, outpointed Frank Domino, 124½, in eight.
Four rounders: Sugar Rey Adonis, 130, barely won over Roque Gangga, 128. Lorenzo Trogon, Jr., 122, decisioned David Grande, 121, in the opener.
Laura S. Elorde, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Vedasto Adriano, GAB witnesses.
(06-12-84)

►**GLAN, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ric Saulda, the GAB's ninth ranked junior lightie at 126, lost an upset decision to June Belimac, 126, 10.
Cecilia Gido Pagaran, promoter.
(06-12-84)

►**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Ben Samson, 124, was disqualified in the 10th and final round because of fouls, and Craig Pevy, 122½, was named the winner by referee Larry Nadayag.
Edel Geronimo, 113½, battled to a split draw with Roger Pilapil, 115, 10.
Al Llanita, 125, outscored Rey Arcita, 124½, 10.
Dommy Ursua, 111½, decisioned Nick Dalisay, 110½, 10.
Flash delos Reyes, 128, TKO'd Lino Boy Ravanes, 129, in eight.
Joel Advincula, 110, won from Tanny Savior, 109½, six.
Four rounders: John Calanogan, 112, decisioned Tacy Macalos, 108. Leo Ero, 116½, won over Romy Patusa, 116, in the opener.
Tomasa Pamilosa, promoter.
Mauro Dizon and Romulo Santiago, the GAB's witnesses.
(06-15-84)

►**BAGUIO CITY**—Ernie Cataluna, 117¼, kept his Filipino bantamweight crown by winning a unanimous nod over Celso Areglo, 117¼, 12. Vic Valdez, referee.
Lito Pena, 134, stopped Ray Tayaban, 136½, in the ninth canto of a scheduled 10.
Former WBC world flyweight champ Frank Cedeno, 119, disposed of Nestor Miraflor, also 119, at 2:13 of the first round in their 10.
Fel Malatag, 120¾, kayoed Audy Murphy, 117½, at 2:54 of the third round in the first 10.
Constancio Dangla, 113, outpointed Capino, Jr., also 113, eight.
Joel Advincula, 110, decisioned Roy Valentino, also 110, six.
Bernabe Aliping, 124, stopped Orestes Rapsing, 125½, at 2:46 of the fourth round in their six.
G.I. Joe Badongen, 128, won a split nod from Flash Bagnate, 129, in the four-round opener.
Raffy Panagan, promoter.
Carlos Roman and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(06-23-84)

►**COVELANDIA, KAWIT, CAITE**—Dommy Circulado, the GAB's number five junior feather at 124, won a unanimous decision over Juanito Favila, also 124, 10.
Bert Gomez, 121½, TKO'd Rene Brugada, 122, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Abelardo Bautista, promoter.
(06-24-84)

►**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Deo Rabago, a junior lightie ranked third by the GAB at 133½, was held to a technical draw by Edison Saladas, 133½, in the fourth round of a 10. Jose Lansang, referee.
Nick Dalisay, 111, outscored Sil Golosino, 112½, 10.
Nacias Francisco, 129, TKO'd Cesar Gutierrez, 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Faustino Simbajon, 111½, won from Eugene Morados, 113, eight.
Steve Ponan, 109, stopped Sergio Molabola, 112, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Al Azucena, 114½, won from Gogoy Balazuela, 113. Jimmy Nakalaban, 111½, TKO'd Norby Mariano, 113, in the third session in the opener.
Galorde Enterprises, promoter.
Carlos Roman and Romulo Santiago, the GAB's witnesses.
(06-27-84)

►**CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum**—The GAB's number four flyweight, Roger Castillo, 113, lost a unanimous decision to veteran Ric Barimbad, also 113, 10.
Rudy Patalinghug, 123, was held to a split draw by Mac Espanola, 123, 10.
Flash Ursus, 128, won a unanimous duke over Rodolfo Solis, 128, 10.
Victoria Pasana, promoter.
(06-29-84)

►**SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA**—Tito Abella, 112, lost to Doug Canada, 112, via a unanimous decision, 10.
Benjamin Vinluan, promoter.
(06-30-84)

►**LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU**—Roger Salasa, 136, won a unanimous decision over Manny Sacay, 134, 10.
Ernie Sanico, 124, decisioned Mario Batister, 122, 10.
Benjie Miole, 113, stopped Res Cabuenas, 109, in the seventh round of the first 10.
Roberto Edillo, promoter.
(06-30-84)

►**LUCENA CITY**—Flash Emmanuel, 118½, TKO'd Al Sicat, 121¼, at 2:15 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Vic Valdez, referee.
Lou Marabe, Jr., 108½, unanimously decisioned Manny Mataverde, 112, eight.
Bobby Pinos, 117½, won from Bobby Castillo, 119½, six.
Four rounders: Eddie Bongania, 120, TKO'd Jack Ancheta, 120, at 2:25 of the second round. Dommy Basa, 111, drew with Fernando Lucero, 111, in the opener.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
Leonardo Trinidad and Virgilio delos Reyes, GAB witnesses.
(06-30-84)

►**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Dionisio Castillo, the GAB's top welterweight contender at 140, fought to a technical draw with former Filipino champ Max (Boy) Toyogon, also 140, 10.
Joe Hiyas, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Anthony Paloso, also 118½, 10.
Laura Elorde, promoter.
(07-11-84)

►**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Filipino top lightweight contender Bert Lozano, 139, eked out a majority decision from Nilo Acido, 142, 10.
In the semi-final 10, Boy Abuela, 122, was a points winner over Abel Magracia, also 122.
Laura Elorde, promoter.
(07-18-84)

►**GALERA, ORMOC CITY**—Joe Guevarra, the GAB's top junior bantam contender at 115, scored a sixth round TKO over Lord Esmero, 114, in a scheduled 10.
Jessie Parajinog, promoter.
(07-21-84)

►**PASSAY—Passay Sports Complex**—Filipino top featherweight contender Lulu Villaverde, 123½, scored a unanimous nod from Rudy Patalinghug, 123½, 10.
Former national junior lightweight boss Albert Duldulao, 132½, unanimously decisioned Rudy Solis, 131, 10.
Up-and-coming Rey Torrenski, 112, took a unanimous duke over Dommy Ursua, Jr., 111½, 10.
Modesto Herrera, promoter.
(07-21-84)

►**BAGUIO CITY**—Cecilio Tutor, Jr., 110, won a unanimous decision over Tony Agalatiw, 113½, 10.
Lito Pena, 134, tabbed a TKO over Little Balsigan, 135, in the ninth round in the semi-final 10.
Allan Makitoki, the WBC's 11th ranked flyweight at 114½, stopped Henry Balina, 111, in the third round of the first 10.
Rufino Panagan, promoter.
(07-28-84)

►**BAYBAY, LEYTE**—Al Tan Lee, the GAB's seventh ranked junior fly at 115, stopped Edward Bucton, also 115, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Francisco Ritaga, Sr., promoter.
(07-28-84)

►**PASSAY—Passay Sports Complex**— John Matienza, the GAB's top junior flyweight contender at 113, earned a unanimous decision over Roger Pilapil, 118, 10.
Fel Salvador, 126, lost a unanimous nod to Al Llanita, 125, 10.
Dante Alamario, promoter.
(07-29-84)

►**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Fast rising Edwin Inocencio, 108, won the Filipino junior flyweight crown by scoring a unanimous decision over Little Baguio, 108, 12.
Thanks to this victory, Inocencio was named "Fighter of the Month" by the Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines.
(07-21-84)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

►**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Station**—Kaosai Galaxy, the WBA's fourth ranked junior bantamweight at 116, took a stunning right from Filipino Val de Vera, 116, and hit the canvas badly. With the bell coming to his rescue, Kaosai could take a rest and fought back to stop Vera in the seventh round of a scheduled ten. There were many problems. Under the internationally accepted rules, a fighter knocked down—except in the final round—cannot be saved by the bell. But Kaosai was saved. It is said that referee Niphon Lanlua gave a slow count when Kaosai was down, but counted quickly when Vera was floored.
We understand Kaosai is preparing for a big chance—an eliminator with Eusebio Espinal to decide the new WBA junior bantamweight champ, the WBA having deprived Jiro Watanabe of his WBA crown. But Kaosai's narrow escape in round four was very problematic. Vera deserves a rematch.
(07-11-84)

PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

►**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Pat Hailwood, 166¼, won a unanimous decision over Ian Dennis, 161½, 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Fulu Atti, 186, outpointed Roy Bijkerk, 194, eight.
John Pigott, 150, outscored Al Hallett, 151½, six.
Rocky Warren, 137½, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 140, six.
Miguel Pimentel, 148½, stopped Jim Henry, 140, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(05-16-84)

►**LIVERPOOL—Whitlam Recreation Center**—Steve Bell, 106½, retained his Australian junior flyweight crown with a majority decision over Bobby Williams, 107¾, 12. The official scores were 118-112, 117-114, and 115-115. *The Ring* carded 119-113.
Darwin North, 148¾, halted Jamie Lewis, 152¾, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Billy Males, referee.
Four-rounders: Mario Crisafulli, 127¼, outpointed Mick Parker, 125¾. Peter Lewis, 130¼, and Marty Fieghan, 125¾, drew. Wayne Berg, 147¾, and Steve King, 148½, drew.
(05-19-84)

►**WOY WOY—R.S.L. Club**—Peter Batty, 141, outscored Eden Tugrul, also 141, 10.
Steve Cox, 139, outscored John Lagudi, also 139, four.
Glen Collis, 151, outpointed Paul Cumming, 141, four.
(05-23-84)

►**SYDNEY—Town Hall**—Ken Salisbury, 152¾, retained his Australian junior middleweight title with an easy points win over Eugene Eades, 152, Western Australia, 12. No knockdowns. Mick Dunningham, referee.
Six-rounders: Steve McQuade, 172, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 174. Tommy Woods, 143¼, outscored Miguel Pimentel, also 143¼. Brett Beakin, 162, won on a foul over Mick Ambrose, 163, in the fourth round.
This was the first boxing program ever held at this venue.
(05-25-84)

►**COROWA**—Jay Crowe, 127¾, halted Sparrow Freeman, 130, in round due to a cut. It was scheduled for 10.
Bruce Crowe, 143¼, and Alan Clarke, also 143¼, drew, eight.
Mick McKechnie, 163¼, outpointed Lindsay Goode, also 163¼, six.
Jim Challenger, 158¾, outscored Bob Gossett, 158¾, four.
(05-25-84)

►**BANKSTOWN—R.S.L. Club**—John Layton, 190½, won a split decision over Daniel Saylor, 190¼, 10. Paul Moore, referee.
Six-rounders: Rudy Darno, 194, halted Mandingo, 218, in the sixth and final session. Miguel Pimentel, 147, stopped Peter Williams, 165¾, in the first round. Mario Crisafulli, 127, halted Mick Parker, 131, in the third.
This card was held as a benefit for Grant Harper, a very popular young man who became a quadriplegic in the first grade rugby union match.
(05-27-84)

►**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Kevin Wagstaff, 183¾, won the vacant Australian cruiserweight title with a unanimous decision over Wally Carr, 181½, 12. The official scores were 118-113, 120-117, and 116-114. Billy Males, referee.
"I lost it," Carr said. "I can't handle southpaws. He beat me fair and square."
Matareti Valu, 171, halted Joe Burruni, 165, in the first round of a scheduled eight.
Keith Ball, 138, outscored Ron Jeffs, 140, six.
Paul Bowman, 142, outpointed Kid Body, 134, three.
06-01-84)

►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Up-and-coming Roy Alexander, 162, outscored Vanuatu champion Phil Kating, 164¼, 10. Paul Moore, referee.
Lauri Lauriano, 137¾, outpointed Danny Shane, 133½, eight.
Wayne Berg, 147¾, and Steve King, 150, drew, six.
Evan Hocking, 141, stopped Paul Cumming, 139, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(06-01-84)

►**SEVEN HILLS—Toongabbie R.S.L. Club**—Mark Cribb, 125¾, won the New South Wales State featherweight title with a points win over Jay Crowe, 125¼, 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Roy Alexander, 161½, outpointed Kahu Lydon, 161, six.
Miguel Pimentel, 145½, outscored Kid Body, 132¼, four.
Peter Sierota, 140, won on a foul over Les Luxford, 145¾, in round two of their scheduled four.
Paul Donnelly, 176½, won on a foul over Mick Ambrose, 167½, in the third and final round.
(06-08-84)

►**MORUYA**—Alan Clarke, 137¾, outscored Eden Tugrul, 138¾, 10.
Six-rounders: Don Pulleine, 154½, outpointed Kahu Lydon, 156½. Les Luxford, 141, outscored Bob Gossett, 156½. Kid Body, 131¼, outpointed Miguel Pimentel, 144½.
(06-09-84)

►**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Veteran southpaw Jeff Malcolm, 148, won a majority decision over Australian welterweight champion Russell Sands, also 148, 10. The scores were 99-93, 96-95, and 97-97. Billy Males, referee.
Lachie Williams, 139¼, halted Alan Clarke, 141¾, at the end of round eight in their scheduled 10. Terrific fight.
Darwin North, 150½, stopped John Pigott, 148¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
John Bogolin, 165, outpointed Tony Campbell, 157, six.
Keith Ball, 136¼, outscored Lou Williams, 138¾, four.
(06-20-84)

►**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Daniel Saylor, 186¾, won the New South Wales State cruiserweight title by stopping Fulu Atti, 180¾, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Darwin North, 154, and Steve Roberts (previously boxing as Steve Wonder), 154, drew, six.
John Pigott, 153, stopped Al Hallett, 156, in the sixth and final round.
Steve Waler, 143, outpointed Ron Jeffs, 145, six.
Lou Williams, 142, outscored Miguel Pimentel, 151, four.
(06-29-84)

►**CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Craig Pevy, 121¼, retained his Australian junior featherweight crown by stopping former champion Jim Bowen, also 121¼, at the end of five in a scheduled 12. Bowen, down in every round save one, withdrew due to a twisted ankle.
Robbie Wallace, 126¾, and Steve Cox, 134½, drew, six.
Peter Siriota, 141, outscored Les Luxford, 143¼, four.
Michael Parker, 129, outpointed Russell Gibbons, 130, three.
(07-03-84)

►**ST. MARY'S**—Roy Alexander, 156½, outpointed Joe Burruni, 169¾, eight.
Ray Wheatley, 205, outscored Brian Fitzsimmons, 194, eight.
Lou Williams, 136¾, and Danny Shane, 134½, drew, six.
David Weule, 164¼, outpointed John Miller, 174¼, four.
Bruce Harrison, 154¼, stopped Steve Doakes, 156½, in the first round of their scheduled four.
(07-05-84)

►**DOLLS POINT—Georges River Sailing Club**—Willie Tarika, 139, retained his New South Wales State junior welterweight title with a split decision over Peter Batty, 139½, 10. Mick Dunningham, referee.
Mark Dempsey, 150, halted Steve King, 145½, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.
Joe Abimerhi, 130, and Luke Baxter, 136¾, drew, four.
Peter O'Neill, 142, stopped Miguel Pimentel, 145½, in the second round of a scheduled three.
(07-06-84)

►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Killer Kearney, 150¾, climbed off the deck in the first round to outpoint Sela Ratu, 146¾, Fiji, 10. Paul Moore, referee.
Six-rounders: John Melatino, 140, halted Steve Cox, 133½, in the fifth round. Glen Collis, 144½, outscored Wayne Berg, 146¼. John Lagudi, 141¾, stopped Dave Garland, 137½, in the fourth.
(07-06-84)

►**WOY WOY—Leagues Club**—Steve Renwick, 155½, halted Greg Crowe, 166½, at the end of five rounds in a scheduled 10. Ray Mitchell, referee. No knockdowns, but Renwick was far ahead when the end came.
Six-rounders: Glenn Hillier, 141, stopped Lou Williams, 136¾, in the fourth round. Steve King, 145½, and Tom Merguri, 132¼, drew. Evan Hocking, 141, outpointed Mick Parker, 131¼.
(07-11-84)

►**HURLSTONE PARK—Canterbury R.S.L. Club**—Phil Kating, 154½, Vanuatu, won the vacant South Pacific middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Benny Tabua, 159½, 10. Johnny Wright, referee. Des Bloyd, Paul Moore, Tony Rok, judges.
Rocky Warren, 141, and Lou Williams, 139, drew, six.
Four-rounders: Lance Hart, 163¼, outpointed Bruce

Harrison, 159¾. Dino Billinghurst, 150, outscored Ivan Colusso, 155½.
(07-13-84)
►**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Matareti Valu, 168½, outpointed Young Stone, 167¼, 10.
Lachie Williams, 137¾, outscored Eden Tugrul, 141¼, eight. Tugrul announced his retirement after the bout.
Glenn Hillier, 142, halted Dave Bell, 135¾, on a cut mouth in the third round in a scheduled six.
Robbie Wallace, 123½, outscored Bobby Mastro, 130¼, six.
Peter Sierota, 144¾, outpointed Lou Williams, 136¾, four.
(07-18-84)
►**BANKSTOWN—Sports Club**—Mark Cribb, 125¾, knocked out Jay Crowe, 127¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Billy Males, referee.
Roy Alexander, 158¾, outscored John Pigott, 154¼, eight.
John Bogolin, 169¾, stopped Mick Ambrose, also 169¾, in the first round of a scheduled six.
Mick Parker, 129, halted Russell Gibbons, 131¼, in the first round of a scheduled three.
(07-19-84)
►**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Jeff Malcolm, 139, retained his South Pacific junior welter crown by stopping Rocky Pirrottina, 140, Victoria, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Rocky was a late sub for David Stowers.
Lachie Williams, 139½, halted Gary Rosen, 144, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Roy Bijkerk, 186, outpointed OPBF champion Garry Hubble, 180, six.
John Pigott, 154, outscored Steve Roberts, 152, six.
Bruce Harrison, 159½, outpointed David Weule, 165, three.
(07-27-84)
►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Wayne Mulholland, 111¼, retained his Australian flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Bobby Williams, 112, 12. Scoring: referee Paul Moore, 120-110; judges Tony Rok and Johnny Wright, both 119-111. Mulholland also had his South Pacific flyweight title on the line. A fast paced contest.
Six-rounders: Les Luxford, 143¾, outscored John Maletino, 137¾. Bobby Mastro, 131, outpointed Joe Abi-Merhi, 133½.
Four-rounders: Andy Faulkner, 134, outscored Tommy Merguri, 136¼. Evan Hocking, 136¾, outpointed Steve King, 149½.
(08-03-84)
►**HORNSBY—R.S.L. Club**—Kevin Hogan, 151, outpointed Mark Vallance, 10. Vallance had been out of action for 10 months due to a leg injury. Mick Dunningham, referee. Exciting fight.
Six-rounders: Brett Beakin, 164, halted Manny Trikilis, 157, in the second. Rudy Darno, 193, stopped Paul Donnelly, 182, in the sixth and final session. Rick Kulu, 175, halted Tony Porrata, 171, in the fifth.
(08-06-84)
►**PARRAMATTA—Leagues Club**—Russell Sands, 152, retained his New South Wales and South Seas junior middleweight titles with a unanimous decision over Steve Renwick, also 152, 10. Scoring: referee Johnny Wright, 100-94; judge Norm Foster, 98-92; judge Ray Mitchell, 99-94.
John Pigott, 154¼, and Tony Campbell, also 154¼, drew, eight.
Bruce Crowe, 140, outscored Peter Sierota, 139½, six.
Les Luxford, 139¾, outpointed Miguel Pimentel, 150¾, four.
(08-09-84)
►**MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Jeff Malcolm, 140, retained his South Pacific junior welter crown by halting Peter Batty, 138½, in the 10th round of a scheduled 12. Batty was knocked down five times.
John Bogolin, 167, and Darwin North, 153¼, drew, six.
Marty Feighan, 130¼, outscored Bobby Mastro, 128¾, six.
Lachie Williams, 138, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 144½, six.
David Weule, 164, stopped David Mitchell, 161½, in the first round of a scheduled three.
(08-15-84)
►**YOUNG—Services & Citizens Club**—Young Stone, 161¾, outscored Johnny Taupau, 170¾, New Zealand, 10.
Lachie Williams, 138, outpointed Bruce Crowe, 136, 10.
Greg Crowe, 161, outscored Graham Bray, 170¾, 8.
Tony Campbell, 151¾, halted Mike McKechnie, 159¾, in the sixth round in their scheduled 8.
Dom Vaquera, 154¼, stopped Lindsay Goode, 159¾, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Bruce (Hammer) Harrison, 150¾, stoped Bob Gossette, 153, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(08-18-84)
►**SYDNEY—Town Hall**—Ken Salisbury, 153¾, won the vacant Commonwealth junior middleweight title with a unanimous decision of Zimbabwe champion Nelson Bosso, 154, 12. Scoring: referee Billy Males, 120-107; judge Trevor Christian, 120-109; judge Don Marks, 120-111. Salisbury is now 27-0-1 with eight knockouts.
Rick Kulu, 175, outpointed Tony Porrata, also 175, six.
Brett Beakin, 163, outscored Jake Williams, also 163, six.
Evan Hocking, 139, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 135, five.
Dave Weule, 164, stopped Bruce (Hammer) Harrison, 161, in the first round of a scheduled four.
(08-21-84)
►**SEVEN HILLS—R.S.L. Club**—Roy Alexander, 159¼, won the vacant New South Wales State middleweight title with a unanimous decision over Ian Dennis, 159¾, 10. Scoring: referee Johnny Wright, 99-93; judges, 100-94 and 98-96.
Wayne Berg, 146¼, outpointed Steve King, 148¾, six.
John Maletino, 141, stopped Les Luxford, 143¼, in the second round of their scheduled six.
Tom Merguri, 135½, halted Mick Parker, 129, in the first round of a scheduled four.
Ivan Colusso, 153¼, outscored Dino Billinghurst, 148¾, three.
(08-22-84)
►**CANTERBURY—Leagues Club**—Tony Russell, 127¾, Victoria, halted former Australian junior featherweight champion Jim Bowen, 126¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. A swollen optic, seeping blood, forced the stoppage. John Thompson, referee.
Brad O'Toole, 132¾, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 144½, eight.
Tony Campbell, 161½, outscored Jake Williams, 162, six.
Brian Fitzsimmons, 194, kayoed Mick Ambrose, 172, in the third round in their scheduled six.
Curly O'Connell, 180¾, and John Miller, 178½, drew, three.
(08-27-84)
►**MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L. Club**—Pat Hailwood, 169, won an upset verdict over Australian light heavyweight champion Wally Carr, 174, in a 10-round non-title contest. A title bout is in the works.
Peter Mitrevski, 115, outpointed Bobby Williams, 115¾, six.
Mark McElwaine, 160, outscored Tony Campbell, 158½, six.
(08-31-84)
►**HORNSBY—R.S.L. Club**—Kevin Hogan, 152, outscored comebacking Jeff Sait, 156, 10.
Dave Winston, 156, outpointed Mick Carlton, 147, five.
Rick Kulu, 173, outscored David Weule, 165, five.
Peter Sierota, 147, stopped Joe Abi-Merhi, 133, in the second round in a scheduled four.
(09-03-84)
►**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Australian junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise, 142¾, stopped Fred Pastor, 150, Philippines, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. There were no knockdowns, but Pastor took quite a pasting. John Wright, referee.
Glenn Hillier, 142, decked and halted Lauri Lauriano, 140½, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10. Tony Rok, referee. Good show.
Andy Taulkner, 133¼, outscored Tommy Merguri, 135½, six.
(09-07-84)

QUEENSLAND

►**MANLY**—Tilta Halpin, 141, stopped Keith Ball, also 141, in round seven of a scheduled 10. Ball was retired on doctor's orders in 1976 but came back in 1983.
Reno James, 154½, outscored Dave Rudken, 152¼, four.
John Kemp, 123½, stopped Neville Maddison, also 123½, in the third round of their scheduled four.
Three-rounders: Elwyn Mann, 157¾, and Bill Smith, 187½, drew. Robin Crilly, 136¾, stopped Steve Southall, also 136¾, in the second. Brian Walker, 128, outscored Bob Linberg, also 128. Tony Jones, 119, halted Shane Fooks, also 119, in the first.
James, Rudken, Maddison, and Kemp were making comebacks.
(05-12-84)
►**TOWNSVILLE**—Gonzo Hooper, 162, Townsville, knocked out Trevor Singleton, 175, Sydney, New South Wales, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10. Singleton is also a trainer, manager, announcer, boxing judge, and actor.
Sharkey Hughes, 114¾, stopped Brad Fredrics, 134½, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Steven Teale, 134½, outpointed Wayne Ah Wong, also 134½, six.
El Marino, 134½, and Tiger Singh, 143¼, drew, four.
Lou Costello, 140, halted Vince Scott, 134½, in the third round of their scheduled four.
Hughes, Teale, Singh, Costello, and Scott were making comebacks.
(05-12-84)
►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Stewart Lithgo, 187½, England, won the vacant British Commonwealth cruiserweight title by stopping Steve Aczel, 188¾, in round 11 of a scheduled 12. Aczel, the former Commonwealth light heavy champ, was ahead on points at the time of the stoppage. But he fell apart, took a series of head shots, and went down—totally exhausted. Steve beat the count, but was in no condition to continue. Alan Moore, referee.
Former amateur champion Dale Artango, 138½, won a split decision over former Australian featherweight title holder Gary Williams, 136, 10. Judge Les Petty, a very competent official, carded 97-95, Williams, but the other two judges scored it in favor of Artango, 97-96 and 99-95. Williams, a fast boxing southpaw, outboxed Artango in the early rounds, but was floored in the sixth.
Dave Bellis, 144, outscored Eden Tugrul, 140, 10.
Mike Slivka, 134, and Cyclone George, 140½, drew, eight.
Ronald Doo, 147, stopped Mick Kelly, 151, in the fourth and final session.
Mick Coolwell, 161, halted Neville Hayes, also 161, in the second round of a scheduled three.
(05-14-84)
►**COLLINSVILLE**—Steve Peel, 130, and Wayne Ah Wong, 132¼, drew, eight.
Skeeter Hooper, 145½, halted Jeff de Cauci, 150, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.
Sharkey Hughes, 114, stopped Jackie Ambrose, 128, in the third round of their scheduled six.
(05-25-84)
►**WOODRIDGE**—Ken Richards, 125¾, halted Rocky Warren, 130, on a cut eye in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.
Merv Richards, 123½, and John Fooks, 130, drew, six.
Three-rounders: Alec Morgan, 194, stopped Bill Smith, 173, in the first round. Greg Locke, 128, halted Eric Pitt, also 128, in the second. Mike Coolwell, 169¾, stopped Mark Morgan, 167½, in the second. Jim Reid, 124½, and Henry Hopkins, 121¼, drew. Harold Bond, 145½, stopped Mark Couchy, 143¼, in the third round. Jeff Glover, 151, halted Peter Jones, also 151, in the first round.
Bond and Glover were making comebacks.
(05-26-84)
►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Dujuan Johnson, 147¾, Detroit, Michigan, knocked out Brian Janssen, 147, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10. Alan Moore, referee.
Doug Sam, 161, halted Joe Nitiva, 159, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.
Mark Janssen, 147, won a unanimous decision over Dave Sarago, 146, 10. Janssen was down in round five.
Ronald Doo, 145, halted Skeeter Hooper, 147, in the third round of a scheduled eight.
Johnny Laycock, 126, stopped Steve Peel, 129½, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(06-01-84)
►**manly**-Ken Richards, 125¼, knocked out Benny Hopkins, 124½, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder for the Queensland State featherweight title.
John Fooks, 132¼, halted John Banks, 127¾, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Roy Saunders, 130, stopped Neville Maddison, 125¾, in the fourth and final session.
Three-rounders: Robert Smith, 161, outpointed Greg McCarthy, 172. Shane Fooks, 116¾, outscored Tony Jones, 121¼.
(06-24-84)
►**MANSFIELD**—Dale Artango, 140, halted Gary Rosen, 142¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Brendan Dempsey, 156½, outpointed Peter Mistroianni, 158¾, six.
David Saylor, 161, outscored John Hood, also 161, four.
Robert Smith, 156½, outpointed Gary Williams (not the former Australian featherweight champion), 163¼, three.
(06-25-84)
►**BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Emmanuel Otti, 159, won the Australian middleweight crown by knocking out defending champion Richie Roberts, 156, in the third round of a scheduled 12. Alan Moore, referee.
Former Australian champion Gary Williams, 139, won a unanimous (100-91, 100-92, 100-94) decision over Dave Bellis, also 139, 10. Smart Gary was too fast and clever.
New Zealand lightweight champion Musa Sione, 135, won a split duke over Norm Stevens, 134, 10. The scores were 98-94, Stevens; 98-94, Sione; 98-96, Sione.
Russell Johnson, 161, halted David Saylor, 158½, in the first round of a scheduled six.
Robert Smith, 159, and Gary Williams (not the former champ), 163, drew, four.
John Gardiner, 129, outpointed Tony Jones, 124, four.
(07-09-84)
►**MORANBAH**—Steve Aczel, 197¼, won the vacant Australian heavyweight title with a unanimous decision over Maile Haumona, 212¾, 12. Scoring: referee Alan Moore, 119-111; judge Errol Harris, 120-110; judge Jim Young, 120-111. Aczel also won Haumona's OPBF crown.
Russell Johnson, 159¾, knocked out Gonzo Hooper, 167½, in 0:38 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Johnson is now 2-0—both first round knockouts.
Ronald Doo, 145½, halted Alan Wehrman, 146½, in the fourth round of their scheduled eight.
John Gardiner, 134½, and El Marino, 140, drew, eight.
Steve Peel, 133½, outpointed Jeff De Cauci, 145½, four.
(07-14-84)
►**COOLANGATTA**—Russell Johnson, 159½, halted Darwin North, 153¾, New South Wales, in round two of a scheduled eight.
Dan Davies, 148¾, outpointed Tilta Halpin, 144, eight.
Tassie Eiszale, 131¾, outscored Marty Fieghan, 131¼, six.
John Hood, 175, outpointed Peter Mistroianni, 170½, four.
Martin Reardon, 167¼, and Mick Brady, 170, drew, three.
Alan Moore refereed the two eight-rounders. Former Australian and Empire welterweight champion George Barnes handled the prelims.
(08-03-84)

VICTORIA

►**WEST HEIDELBERG—Colosseum Hotel**—Lester Ellis, 133⅛, Victoria, kayoed Norm Stevens, 132½, Queensland, in the sixth round of the scheduled 10-round main event. Referee Malcolm Bulner stepped in as Stevens sagged on the ropes en route to the canvas for the third time in the session.
Sam Gibilisco, 130½, stopped Robbie Wallace, 125¼, Sydney, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Robbie Nava, 148¾, outscored veteran Kid Preston, 149¼, eight.
Paul Luttrell, 137¼, outpointed Paul De Losa, 136¼, six.
Kevin Hargraves, 165½, and Robert Van Dyke, 164¼, drew, four.
Robert Collins, 160, outpointed Sam Giordano, 159¼, three.
(05-20-84)
►**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Former Australian welterweight champion Frank Ropis, 147¾, stopped John Siriotis, 149½, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Bryan

Membrey, referee.
Lester Ellis, 133, knocked out Lindsay Roberts, 137½, in the first round of their scheduled 10. Norm Foster, referee.
Paul Mauger, 147½, stopped Guy Parker, 146½, at the end of round three in a scheduled eight. Johnny Wheeler, referee.
Joe Cutajar, 139, outscored Ricky Scrivano, 143¾, three.
Mick King, 163½, outpointed Robert Collins, 162, three.
(05-30-84)

►**RICHMOND—National Theatre**—Tony Russell, 125¾, won a unanimous (99-92, 98-92, 99-91) decision over Amado Cabato, 122½, Philippines, 10. Bryan Membrey, referee.
Bruce Crowe, 144½, outpointed Kid Preston, 148¼, eight.
Greg Crowe, 169, halted Mick King, 166¼, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.
Bobby Van Dyke, 165¼, outscored Kevin Hargraves, 167, four.
(06-14-84)

►**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Graeme Brooke, 137, knocked out Mexican southpaw Juan Escobar, 138¾, 2:31 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Malcolm Bulner, referee.
Sam Gibilisco, 130, halted debutant Geoff Nilsson, 123½, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Phil Neiwand, 126¾, outscored Phil Robert, 126½, six.
Brendan Piper, 137, stopped Phil Miller, 136, in the second round of their scheduled six.
Austin Taylor, 136, outpointed Andrew Penny, 136¾, four.
Kevin Hargraves, 163¼, stopped Rod Vidajic, 166¼, in the third and final session.
(06-06-84)

►**MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Lester Ellis, 132¼, knocked out American Ritchie Fowler, 131¼, in the 10th and final canto. Malcolm Bulner, referee. Ellis was down in the eighth.
Pat Leglise, 141¾, outpointed Robert Vasquez, 138½, Mexico, 10. Johnny Wheeler, referee.
Dave Russell, 205, outscored Daniel Saylor, 183½, eight. The most action packed fight of the night.
Sam Gibilisco, 130, halted Brett Young, 130¼, in the third round of their scheduled eight.
Peter Gillespie, 175, outscored Matarati Valu, 170½, six.
Rodney Bowman, 133¼, stopped Phil Neiwand, 131¼, in the second round of their scheduled six.
(07-04-84)

►**NORTH MELBOURNE—Marconi Hall**—Pat Leglise[a] 137, won the vacant Australian junior welter title with a unanimous (118-113, 117-113, 117-112) decision over Willie Tarika, 140, 12. Bryan Membrey, referee. Cliff Heaver and Johnny Wheeler, judges.
Flash Chisango, 175¾, Zimbabwe, won a majority decision over Johnny Layton, 174¼, 10. Scoring: referee Johnny Wheeler, 99-94; judge Cliff Heaver, 96-95; judge Pauline Steinmann, 96-96.
Dave Russell, 208, and Sam N'Gata, 198½, drew, eight.
Robbie Nava, 150, halted Darrel McKenna, 146¾, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(07-26-84)

►**CARLTON—San Remo Ballroom**—Phil Kating, 153½, champion of Vanuatu, outscored Darcy Ritchie, 154, 10. This was Ritchie's first defeat. A great ring battle.
Paul Mauger, 146½, outscored Rocky Pirrottina, 143¼, eight.
Robbie Nava, 147¾, stopped Al Hallett, 152, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.
Paul James, 159¾, outpointed Wayne Burke, 156½, three.
(08-10-84)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

►**PORT HEDLAND**—Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 156½, halted Graham Wynne, 165¼, in round five of a scheduled 10.
Dave Corbett, 154¼, outscored Alwyn Coyne, 154¼, 10.
Dean Aicket, 143¼, halted Athol Woods, 145½, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Rocky Brocky, 125¾, outscored David Parfitt, 121¼, four.
Cool Hand Luke, 148, halted Dale Bilbrough, 143, in the third round of their scheduled four.
(06-08-84)

►**PERTH—Function Centre**—Alan Black, 175, retained his Western Australian State light heavyweight title by stopping Eugene Eades, 161, on a cut eye in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Mike Rowley, 139½, won the vacant Western Australian State junior welter title by stopping Alberto DeJesus, 139, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10.
Ron Smith, 125½, won the vacant Western Australian State featherweight crown with a technical decision over Ossie Henry, also 125½, after seven rounds in a scheduled 10.
Matthew Smith, 154, outscored Washington D.C., 150, six.
Dwayne Bell, 175, halted Brad White, 159, in the first round in their scheduled six.
(06-12-84)

►**MORLEY PARK**—Mike Rowley, 140, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Pirrottina, also 140, 10.
Tony Millar, 126, halted Dean Colbung, 128, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Julian Ciccini, 168, stopped Chad Hill, 175, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
John Priotti, 130, outpointed Dean Kickett, also 130, four.
(06-27-84)

►**PERTH—Function Centre**—Alan Black, 174½, retained his Western Australian light heavyweight crown by stopping Elie Sassine, 174¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. A cut eye forced the stoppage. Black was ahead at the time.
Mick Rowley, 138, halted Gary Rosen, also 138, in the third round of their scheduled 10.
Ron Smith, 133, outscored John Fooks, 134¼, Queensland, 10. A non-stop punch-up.
Luciano Cafaro, 175¼, outpointed Dave Corbett, 161, four.
Julian Ciccini, 177½, stopped Guy Gidgup, 171½, in the fourth and final session.
(07-10-84)

►**BELMONT—Belmont Hotel**—Tony Miller, 127, won the Western Australian State junior lightweight title by outpointing the defending champion, Carl Zappia, 129, 10.
Julian Ciccini, 177, outscored Dave Ramsden, 159, six.
Luciano Cafaro, 158, stopped Bobby Colbung, 159, in the third round of their scheduled six.
(07-25-84)

►**PERTH—Function Centre**—Russell Sands, 153, won the South Seas junior middle title with a split decision over defending champion Lawrence (Baby Cassius) Austin, 153½, 10. Dinny Heaney, referee.
Alan Black, 180, halted Kima Ramanu, 196, Fiji, in the third round of their scheduled 10.
Luciano Cafaro, 158¾, stopped Peter Barnes, 153¼, in the second round of a scheduled six.
Alwyn Coyne, 163¼, outpointed Dave Corbett, also 163¼, six.
Jeff Coyne, 112½, outscored Brett Sandy, 110¼, four.
(07-29-84)

RAY MITCHELL

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Pinklon Thomas W 12 Tim Witherspoon
(Won WBC Title)
David Bey W 12 Greg Page
(Won U.S.B.A. Title)
Mike Weaver KO 7 Billy Joe Thomas
Michael Dokes W 10 Mike Jameson
Mitchell Green KO 6 Sam Scaaf
James Broad KO 8 Eddie Gregg
(Won Vacant N.A.B.F. Title)
Cecil Coffee D 8 Andrew Stokes
Ed Hatrick KO 1 Willis Reddick
Juan Quintana KO 6 Ben Lawler

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Tom Trimm KO 5 Bobby Collins

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Marvin Johnson W 10 John Davis
Lionel Byarm W 8 David Royster
Mickey Goodwin KO 2 Bobby Wall
Gordon Cox KO 2 John Weeks
Freddie Guzman KO 4 Dennis Fikes
Ignacio Zavala KO 4 Jose Mireles
Al Tobe KO 3 Muhammad Amir

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Mark Holmes W 10 Larry McCall
Robert Pew KO 2 Nestor Flores
Mike Landini W 10 "Vampire" Johnson
Joe Gray KO 1 Bernard Boyce
Carl Jones W 10 Jerome Johnson
Raul Aguirre KO 2 Tony Talbert
Iran Barkley KO 4 John Ford
Danny Lopez KO 1 Louie Ornelas

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
David Braxton KO 2 Gonzalo "Raton" Montes
(Retained N.A.B.F. Title)
Julian Jackson KO 12 Curtis Ramsey
(Retained Continental Americas Title)
Ricky Stackhouse KO 1 Harry Daniels
In-Chul Baek KO 4 Alberto Bapaimo
William Machado KO 3 Ivan Vasquez
Cheto Ramos KO 5 Phil Sawyer
Charles Campbell TO 8 Ray Jones
Troy Darrell KO 4 Dennis Fain
Jose Fuentes KO 4 Mike Martinez
Carlos Santos KO 1 Ray Izaguirre
Ray Fallon W 8 Terry Crawley
Jimmy Guppy KO 1 Jesus Sepulveda

WELTERWEIGHTS
Tommy Ayers KO 8 Don King
Johnny Bumphus W 10 Ralph Twinning
Harold Volbrecht KO 12 Ernest Moledi
(Retained South African Title)
Junya Kushikino KO 6 Carlos Elliott
(Retained Japanese Title)
Daryl Anthony KO 5 Anthony Bryant
Brian Brunette W 10 Trevor Evelyn
Tomas Garcia KO 4 Ricardo Avendano
Teddy Mosley KO 2 A.J. Davis
Jose Vallejo KO 2 Santos Solis
Tito Campos KO 2 Howard Scott

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Angel Cruz W 12 Ricky Young
(Won Vacant N.Y. State Title)
Hilmer Kenty W 10 Dave Odem
Kel Robin KO 11 Victor Babilonia
(Won Continental Americas Title)
Gregg Edelman KO 6 O.C. Harper
Tyrone Trice W 10 Tyrone Moore
Robert Wilson KO 3 Jarvis Manning
Harvey Hester KO 1 Steve Baez
David Bolletino KO 1 Curtis Roach

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Harry Arroyo KO 8 Charles "White Lightning" Brown
(Retained IBF Title)
Melvin Paul KO 3 David Bell
Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown KO 1 Ezzard Charles Adams
Daryl Tyson W 10 Dwayne Primm
Bobby Johnson W 8 Joe McCain
Clifford Gray KO 2 Ronald Rogers
Kenny Willis D 8 Jocko King
A.D. Wiggins KO 1 Rocky Gadson
Vinny Pazienza W 8 Rich McCain
Keith Potts KO 2 Leo Simmons
Walter Sims KO 4 Ubaldo Ramirez

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Rafael Solis KO 1 Anthony Cunningham
Calvin Grove KO Margarito Marquez
Freddie Roach KO 4 Joe Ruelas
Alvaro Salazar KO 10 Victor Gomez
Eiji Okita W 10 Kazushi Machara
Brian Mitchell KO 2 Nikia Khumalo

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Bernard Taylor W 12 Myron Taylor
(Won Vacant ESPN Title)
Bernard Gray KO 1 Brian White
Hector Estoda KO 2 Carlos Osorio
Derwin Richards KO 1 Johnny Sinclair
Herbie Bivalacqua KO 2 Jerome Brooks
Sithebili Mapoma KO 1 Joseph Ngubane

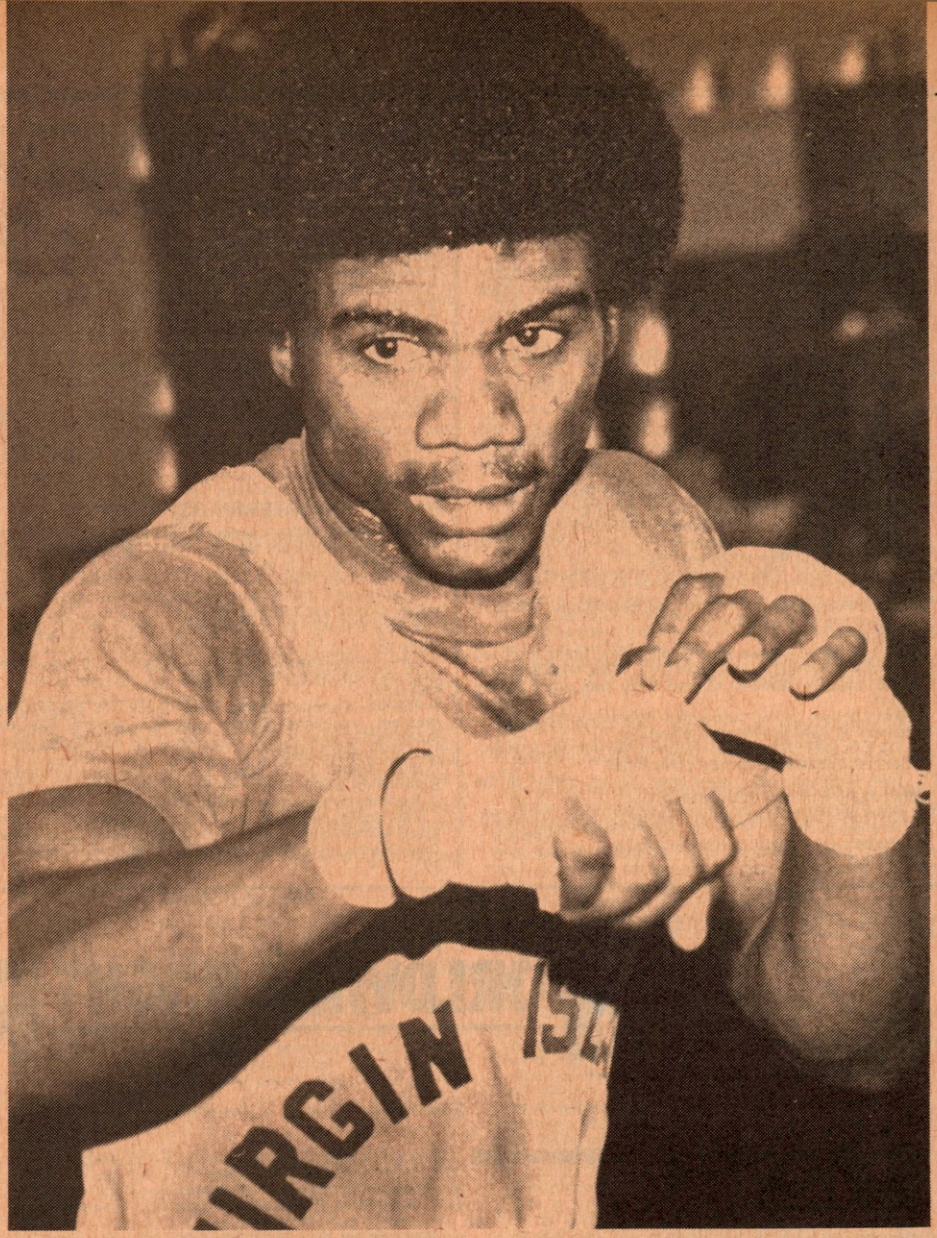
JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Paulie Ayala KO 4 Raul Morales
Alfred Rangel KO 2 Miguel Reyes
Aristedes Mercedes W 10 Esteban Soto
Luis Hernandez Tech. Draw Alvin Brown
Bryan Jones W 8 Pepe Vasquez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Freddie Jackson KO 3 Mauro Diaz
Ju-Do Chun KO 7 William Develos
(Retained IBF Jr. Bantamweight Title)
Kaosai Galaxy KO 7 Val de Vera
Ernesto Guevara W 10 Norberto Castellano
Kent Neeley TO 8 Arnel Arrozal
Joey Lopez KO 2 Mario Martinez
Joel Abila KO 1 Juan Camero
Mike Phelps KO 2 Willie Covington
Frankie Duarte KO 4 David Rojas

FLYWEIGHTS
Jung-Koo Chang KO 9 Katsuo Tokashiki
(Retained WBC Light Flyweight Title)
Chong-Kwan Chung KO 5 Eleoncio Mercedes
Greg Richardson KO 8 Roy Muniz

NEW FACES

By ST. CLAIR MURRAINE



Julian Jackson

Quietly Blasts His Way to the Top of the Junior Middleweight Division

NATIVES OF THE VIRGIN ISlands take pride in the U.S. territory's sea, sand, sun and natural beauty. But now they have a native son to tout—Julian Jackson.

Jackson, an undefeated junior middleweight, is a one-man promotion show for the islands. And the islands' tourism industry isn't the only thing which stands to benefit from Jackson's success in the ring. His ranking has been steadily improving since the rating organizations took note of his vast talents one year ago.

Jackson doesn't strike the casual observer as a world-class fighter. In fact, he is a shy, easy-going 22-year-old, who doesn't go out of his way to be recognized as the national hero he is in the islands. On one of his occasional strolls down Main Street in St. Thomas, where Jackson resides, he quietly and shyly accepts the accolades which come his way because of his rise to boxing acclaim.

It didn't take the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John long to realize that Jackson is a gifted fighter. In fact, Jackson's followers have been doing all they can to see that he stays on the path to a world title fight. They have held fund-raising events which have provided much-needed cash to upgrade his training facilities at the Police Athletic League's Community Center.

The gym is in the heart of Paul M. Pearson Garden, one of the islands' many housing projects. It is there Jackson puts in his daily, three-hour drills as the only active professional fighter in St. Thomas.

The gym was built to help resurrect amateur boxing, which has been dying on the island. However, it's not the amateur program which has made it a popular meeting spot for the islands' fight fans. They go there to see Jackson.

The road to success started for Jackson when he was an 11-year-old who couldn't

stay away from the makeshift boxing gym in the basement of Lionel Roberts Stadium, the only facility in St. Thomas for baseball and live boxing shows.

Jackson began his career under the watchful eyes of the late Wilhelm "Willi" George, who was responsible for the development of several of the islands' top amateur fighters.

George had given up training professional fighters, but said, on several occasions before his death, that he would stay with Jackson because he was bound to become a world champion. George guided his fighter to a 15-2 amateur record, which includes a win over WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble.

Many of the experts fighred that Jackson's career would decline with the passing of Geroge in the summer of 1983, but Susthens Vailet took over as the chief man in Jackson's corner and has made sure he stays on track. Vailet was in Jackson's corner when he made his debut in Madison Square Garden earlier this year with a first-round knockout against Carlton "Speedy" Brown. The quick victory didn't give anyone a chance to see Jackson's real talents, but several experts who did see the fight say the Virgin Islands may have another Emile Griffith in the making.

Just like young Griffith, Jackson grew up in a rough neighborhood on the West Side of St. Thomas. He comes from a family of four boys and one girl who were raised single-handedly by their mother. Making life easier in "America's Paradise" is what Jackson wants to do for his family. He also has set goals for himself as a businessman.

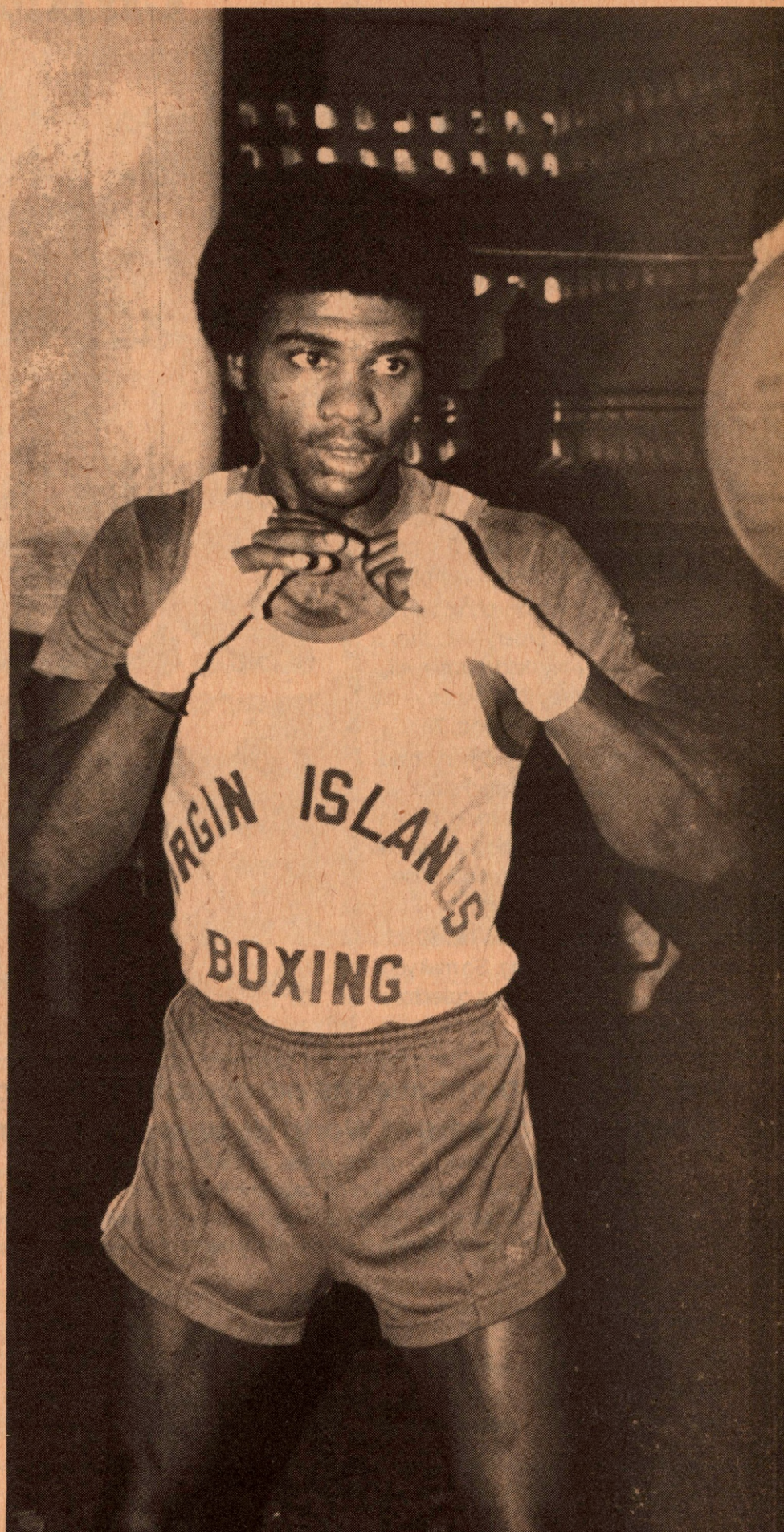
"I love accounting," says Jackson. "I love the thought of being in my own business. I'd like to one day own my own store, probably a sports shop or something like that."

Accomplishing his dreams won't be any problem, as far as Jackson is concerned.

"I believe I'll be around for a long time because I don't abuse my body."

Because of his growing reputation, Jackson is finding it harder and harder to get suitable opponents to step into the ring against him. In fact, his fight in New York was almost cancelled before Brown decided to accept the bout, becoming the fourth opponent named within three days.

After the Brown fight, critics took to calling Jackson's opponents "stiffs." Then came former WBA junior middleweight king Eddie Gazo. Though no longer a world-class fighter, Gazo still was expected to present some problems for Jackson. He didn't, falling from a solid left-right combination in the second round. The performance by Gazo left Jackson with an urge to fight tougher opponents. In his



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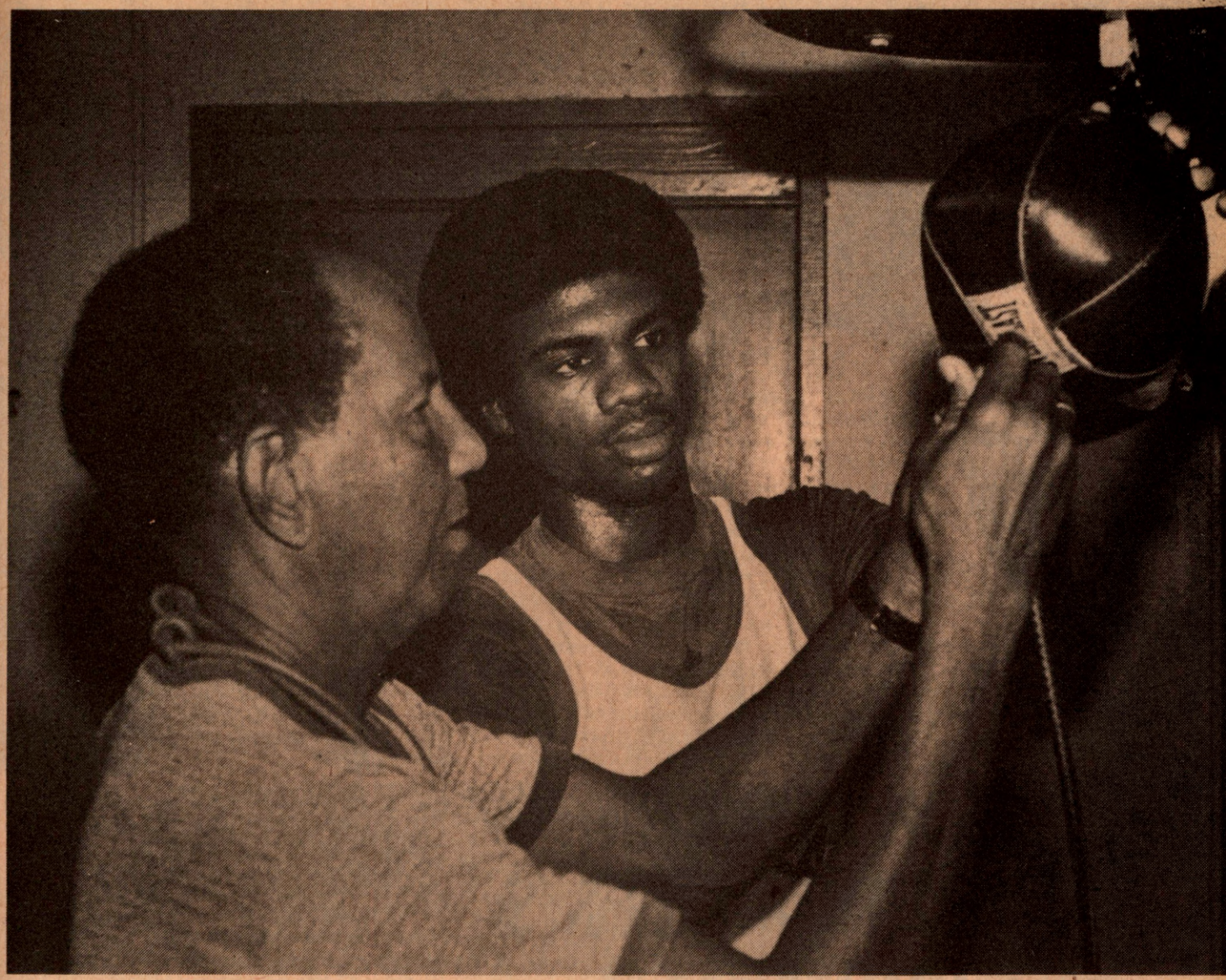


most recent fight, last August 15, Jackson got his wish for a tougher opponent. Veteran Curtis Ramsey, with a record of 24-19-5, took Jackson into the 12th and final round of their Continental Americas championship before being stopped early in that stanza.

"I love fighting tough opponents," says Jackson. "I believe I will do better. I always like to fight somebody who will take me the distance because I really want to go in there and fight. However, most of them can't take my punches and none of them have been nearly as tough as I figured."

Knowing he eventually has to face the top fighters in the junior middleweight class—one of boxing's toughest divisions—doesn't bother Jackson. In fact, he says he looks forward to the challenge of facing the best the division has to offer.

"I hear them say they can beat me," Jackson says of his fellow 154-pounders. "I don't blame them for saying that. If they're any kind of fighter, they're supposed to think that way. "But, really, I don't think any of them can beat me."

When asked who he would like to fight next, Jackson merely shrugged and said, "It really doesn't matter to me. It can be (Thomas) Hearns, (John) Mugabi, (Mike) McCallumm anybody. I have the potential, the skill and the confidence to beat all those guys right now."

THE RING RECORD OF JULIAN JACKSON

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Born: September 12, 1960
Height: 5'11"
Amateur record: 15-2

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1981		
Feb. 12	Inocencio Carmona	San Juan, P.R.	W 6
Mar. 5	Rafael Ayala	Trujillo Alto, P.R.	KO 1
Apr. 9	Marcelino Flores	San Juan, P.R.	KO 2
May 15	Regis Escalera	St. Thomas, V.I.	KO 3
Aug. 15	Edwin Rodriguez	San Juan, Pr.	KO 1
Sept. 26	Dario De Asa	Miami Beach, Fla.	KO 3
	1982		
Mar. 20	Billy Page	Atlantic City, N.J.	W 6
June 8	Al Cook	Miami Beach, Fla.	KO 4
Aug. 18	Miguel Sepulveda	San Juan, P.R.	KO 3
Nov. 17	Mack Heimbough	St. Joseph, Mo.	KO 4
	1983		
Jan. 19	Dominick Fox	Hato Rey, P.R.	KO 2
Mar. 6	Jake Torrance	Atlantic City, N.J.	KO 5
May 18	Reynaldo Rogue	Las Vegas, Nev.	KO 1
June 25	David Plouden	San Juan, P.R.	KO 3
Oct. 15	Jeff Nelson	Miami Beach, Fla.	KO 3
	1984		
Jan. 20	Carlton Brown	New York, N.Y.	KO 1
Mar. 17	Eddie Gazo	Hato Rey, P.R.	KO 2
May 16	J.J. Cottrell	Las Vegas, Nev.	KO 5
June 20	Ron Warrior	San Juan, P.R.	KO 3
Aug. 15	Curtis Ramsey	Las Vegas, Nev.	KO 12

SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	KOs	LOSSES	DRAWS
20	20	18	0	0

DON ELBAUM: THE PROMOTER'S PROMOTER

There is nothing the nomadic, zany Elbaum won't try to sell

by DAVE BONTEMPO

ONE RECALLS HIS FIRST CONVERSATION with salesman Don Elbaum.

"I've got this treMENdous kid, dynamite puncher, going tomorrow night at the Trop," he said in reference to regular fight cards in Atlantic City.

"What's his name?" someone inquired.

"Mike Scheibelhood."

"Scheibelhood, huh. Is he ranked?"

"Yeah, 15th."

"In the world?"

(Pause) "No. The NABF."

Not THE NABF. Considering someone of that ranking for a world title shot might be like lending your car to the friend of a friend of a distant relative.

But so what? The zany Elbau, who uses more angles than a protractor to promote matchups, considers his career one perpetual sale. The 45-year-old Cincinnati native believes he has placed fights in 58 cities, ranging as far as the Philippine Islands.

One wouldn't mistake Elbaum for the bragodocio of Don King, pizazz of Bob Arum or slick legal knowledge of Dan Duva. Boxing's three most prominent promoters greatly exceed Elbaum's wealth.

He scrapes for less-significant dollars. You find him around Maurice Blocker, Simon Brown, Gerald Hayes, Daryl Tyson and, most notably, Aaron Pryor.

If boxing were a game of monopoly, he'd own one deed in nearly every property group. Elbaum won't dominate the sport, but somewhere along the line he gets cut in.

"You've got to understand, I enjoy this life very much," said Elbaum, whose slight build, heavyweight smile and yarn-spinning habits give him the appearance of a small-time hustler. "I try not to let things bother me. I don't give it a second thought. There will be another fight, another dynamite payday, another challenge."

Managers and trainers chuckle about his reputation. Occasionally claiming to be misled about the ability, height or weight of particular opponents, they also acknowledge his disposition.

Three monthly cards don't materialize without a certain amount of lobbying. Elbaum often works seven days a week, married to a telephone which costs him $1,500 a month. Playing the middleman in three-way conversations, he calls countless

gymnasiums and the residences of fighters and managers.

Trying to convince people to take fights, he sits in the middle of interest groups. Managers want easy opponents. The New Jersey State Athletic Commission—and the media—scorn lopsided bouts. This is especially true when Elbaum's fighters are involved.

Elbaum takes significant heat in the name of profit, his bottom line, and matchmaking, his life blood.

"I don't know if the word is 'natural', but I just fell into this," he said. "I've been making mind-matches since I was nine years old. Every promoter I would see in Buffalo, Cleveland, wherever, I'd tell him about an ideal match.

"It just became a sixth sense. I had school at 8:30 and I'd get up an hour ahead of time to make a mind match. I always had styles in mind. I kept records of every undefeated fighter and I'd match 'em up. I never put a runner against a runner but I'd match guys with (big) knockout percentages and losing records. Guys with losing records usually will give you a dynamite fight. Sometimes they'll even surprise you."

Accompanying his father Max, a traveling salesman, Elbaum encountered promoters on a normal basis. He always rendered his version of a good matchup to them.

Cleveland promoter Larry Atkins gave Elbaum his first break at age 19, when live gate figures determined profit and loss. Before television eliminated the risk of promoting, one needed a keen sense of local flavor to survive.

"You've got more of a hometown feeling in a Steubenville and a Warren, Ohio," Elbaum said. "It isn't like a big city, where you just make the rounds. People are hungry for it.

"We'd have (Top Rank matchmaker) Teddy Brenner call the local papers, saying he might use one of the kids later. Interest built up. You've got to do that.

"One kid I advised, (lightweight) Cowboy Billy Smith, would always pack 'em in, something like 1,500 people. It was like going to a high school football game. Everybody knew Cowboy Billy Smith so it was a real happening when he fought."

While Smith had marginal success, two winless fighters produced one of Elbaum's most bizarre promotions. Johnny Howard, 0-13, and Bob Spencer, 0-15, once wanted to remove the goose eggs from their records in Warren, Ohio.

"It was a real promotion," Elbaum said. "We had an attorney put together a contract saying that the loser would retire forever. The guy who lost would get a trophy—over three feet tall—saying he was one of the world's worst fighters. We got so much press that we sold the place out.

"It was a four-rounder, but we made it the last fight of the night. The fight was at the Elks Club or the Moose Club, some place like that. They stood toe to toe and fought a draw. It was one of the greatest fights I ever saw."

Some of the best bouts he ever witnessed were first hand. Three times, in major markets like McKeesport, Pa., Akron and Painesville, Ohio, he donned gloves to save a show.

"I went 1-1-1," he said. "I had like 60 amateur fights and won about 50, but I couldn't break an egg. I really got a kick out of going in on my own shows, plus I didn't have a choice. You can't lose the show."

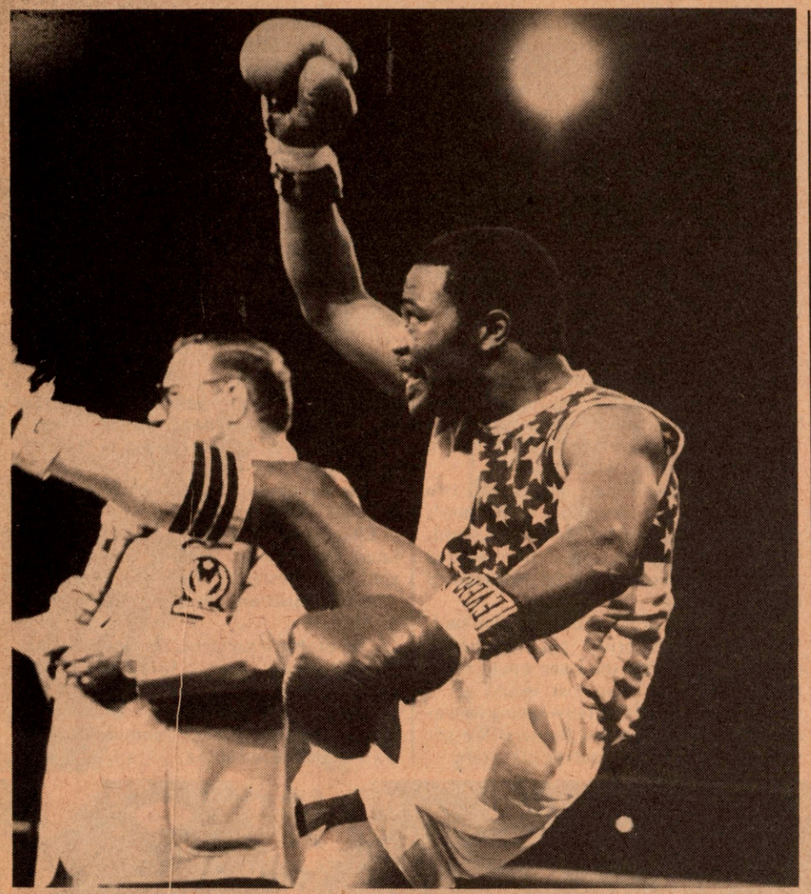
In his last effort, against Tony Schaffer in McKeesport, Elbaum doesn't recall whether he won or lost. But he paid himself $1,000 for a four-round fight.

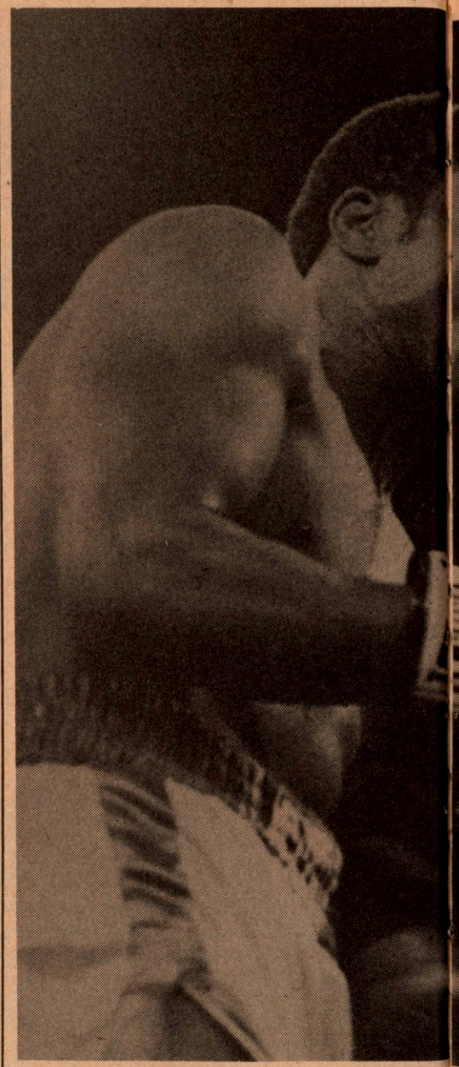
"As a promoter I lost, but as a fighter I did well," he cracked.

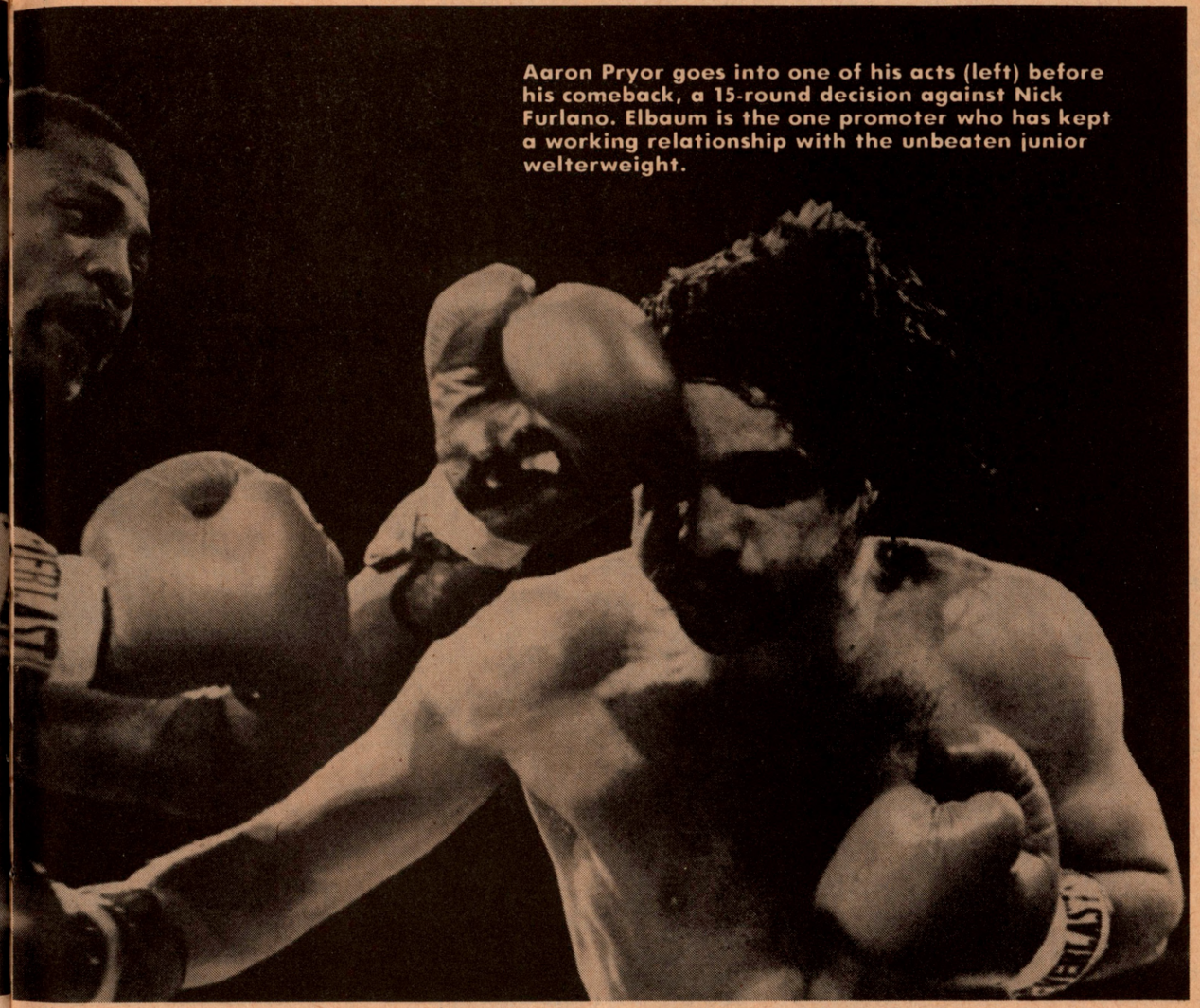
Elbaum saved the promotional coup for later. On May 22, 1976, in Erie, Pa., he sold a lightweight title bout between Roberto Duran and local hero Lou Bizarro to ABC.

One problem surfaced: the bout violated Sunday blue laws, forbidding state commissioners from working the bout. Rather than let government overshadow major publicity, Elbaum conjured up his own commissioners, judges and

Introduced alongside greatness: Elbaum rubs shoulders with Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Frazier and Joey Giardello.







Aaron Pryor goes into one of his acts (left) before his comeback, a 15-round decision against Nick Furlano. Elbaum is the one promoter who has kept a working relationship with the unbeaten junior welterweight.

timekeepers.

You can guess the result. Times of rounds varied between 2:30 and 3:10, depending upon Bizarro's progress.

"People at ABC kept complaining about the rounds," Elbaum said. I said, " 'no, I've been keeping the time. Your watches are off.'

"Duran finally stopped Bizarro in the 14th round."

Another great fighter, Sugar Ray Robinson, saved Elbaum embarrassment a few years back. Robinson, the former welterweight/middleweight champion, arrived in Johnstown, Pa., 25 years to the day of his pro debut.

"We have this big press conference," Elbaum said. "We do this great speech about how it was 25 years to the day and everything. Then I told Ray, 'We've got one more surprise, Ray.'

"We turned out the lights and four girls come out with this treMENdous cake. I've got my hands behind my back and say, 'Ray, we've also got a very special present for you. We want to present you with the gloves you used 25 years ago in your debut.'

"Robinson had tears in his eyes. It was something incredible. We asked him to put them on and pose for pictures. He agreed. Then, he stopped. He stared at the gloves. Then he looked at me and shook his head.

" 'I can't do it,' he told me. 'It's too emotional.'

" 'Come on, Ray,' we prodded him. He still refused. Then I saw what he saw.

"They were two right-handed gloves!"

Ah, the life of a smalltown promoter. It changed when Elbaum reached Atlantic City, a meeting place for people of different states. They couldn't relate to cards dominated by Ohio fighters, especially because of numerous early knockouts.

Elbaum adjusted gradually, adding fighters from Philadelphia and New York. Yet, nothing comes easily. In July, 1982, someone named Cliff Smith lost on a first-round TKO to Trop-propped Bob Quarry in a bout that appeared tainted.

Why was this Smith fighter terrible? Why did his trunks say "Jimbo"? Was he really Cliff Smith?

No, he wasn't. The real Cliff Smith (would you please stand?) didn't know he had "fought" until reading newspaper accounts.

His protests dampened Elbaum's reputation with the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.

Despite the incident, he didn't shovel the blame to aides.

"He said he was Cliff Smith, I thought he was Cliff Smith," Elbaum said simply.

Despite criticism, he didn't blast the writers, who, he maintains, must never sever contact with the sport. His reputation with them, based on wry humor of the truth, remains solid.

One vivid example of this unfolded in his office last winter. Leaning back on a chair, he dictated an Associated Press style lead to a Cincinnati newspaper about one of his fighters, Tommy Ayers. How's this for objective?

"Uh, top flight Cincinnati welterweight Tommy Ayers scored a sensational victory over . . . ." A few phrases like "stinging jabs", "total control" and "dominating" were thrown in.

"He's a hustler," said Tropicana publicist Jim Taylor. "I think Don's always trying to stay a couple of steps ahead of himself. He's always on the phone.

"We get a lot of calls here from people who have to put matches together. Once, an entire card fell out in Hammonton at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. By six, he put a whole card together.

"I know I work for him, but if there is a better matchmaker, I want to see him."

Anecdotes aside, Elbaum remains an interested, opinionated member of the sport. He hates premature stoppages, the performance of New Jersey judges and raids on small promoters by larger ones. He endorses open scoring, a personal record keeping system that commissions defer to and cards with a theme (all heavyweights, etc.).

At all times, he is a mental matchmaker. After Oscar Rivadeneyra scored a boring victory over Leon "Night Life" McDonald last year, Elbaum joked about matching Rivadeneyra and the dull Eddie Mustafa Muhammad.

"Put it on billboards," he said. "Call it the worst match of all time."

Then came that laugh, which seemed to indicate that if his hand ever got caught in the cookie jar, he was only removing the bad ones.

And if you didn't believe him, so what? There's always this treMENdous puncher somewhere.

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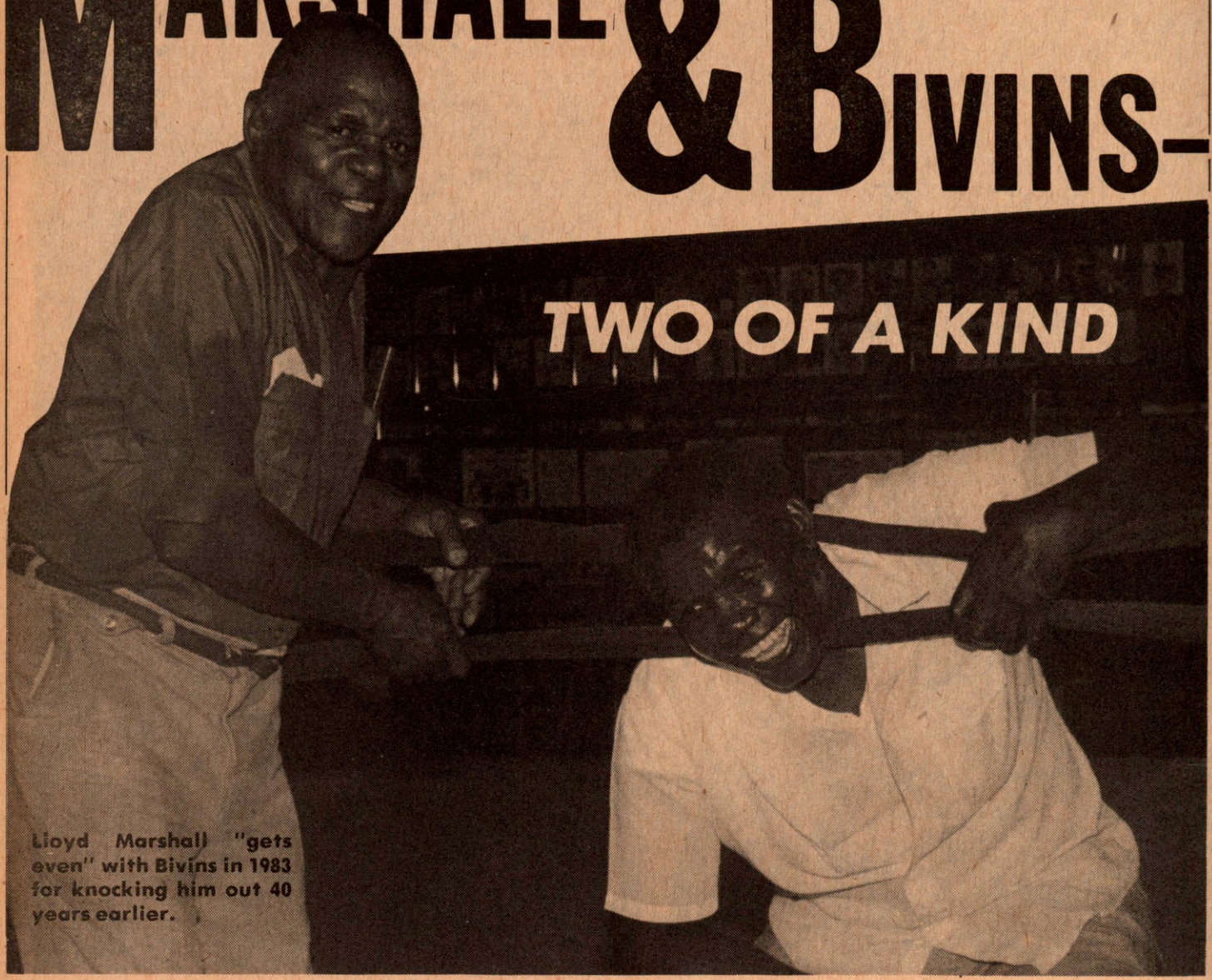
MARSHALL & BIVINS—

TWO OF A KIND



Lloyd Marshall "gets even" with Bivins in 1983 for knocking him out 40 years earlier.

by JERRY FITCH

CLEVELAND, LIKE MOST MAJOR AMERICAN cities, had its fair share of boom days during the golden era of boxing. At one time Cleveland was rated only behind New York as a boxing center. And, mind you, Cleveland's population was never more than 912,000 (1950's) and never over 2 million in the metropolitan area, while New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia were vastly larger in population.

But as an industrial center—Steel, machine tools, etc.—Cleveland produced some hardened men, and often these men took to the prize ring when times got tough. So Cleveland has had more than a fair share of tough guys who became fighters.

In the early days many names like Matt and Phil Brock, Jack Kid Wolfe, Cal Delaney, Carl Tremaine, Charley O'Connell and the featherweight champion of the world from 1912-1923, Johnny Kilbane, came into prominence.

A little later Austrian born Johnny Risko stood in the limelight as he defeated such stars as Mickey Walker, Max Baer, Jack Sharkey, Paul Berlenbach, George Godfrey and others. And Paul Pirrone was a star of the 30's.

But I don't think any era produced as many stars as the 40's.

George Pace was finishing his pro career in the early 40's, after holding a version (NBA) of the bantamweight title. And the Golden Gloves produced other headliners, many who crashed the world ratings: Lem Franklin, heavyweight; Jimmy Reeves and Joey Maxim, light heavyweights; Jackie Wilson, welterweight; Chuck Hunter, welterweight, and others such as Jackie Keough, Eddie Marotta and Joey Pirone. The list is too numerous to put on these pages.

But to my mind the two men who held the greatest distinction, outside of Joey Maxim, who eventually went on to win the world lightheavy title in 1950, were Lloyd Marshall and Jimmy Bivins, two black men who were amateur stars in the 30's and

turned pro a few years later.

Marshall won a couple of Golden Goves titles in 1934 and 1935 and moved to the west coast—Sacramento, California, in fact. Clevelanders heard little of him after that. He turned pro in 1937 in Sacramento.

Bivins won a couple Golden Gloves titles in 1938 and 1939 and turned pro in 1940, here in Cleveland. Lloyd started as middleweight while Jimmy turned pro as a welterweight but by the end of 1940, Bivins was rated No. 6 in the *RING*'s world middleweight ratings. Marshall cracked the middleweight ratings in 1939, also as No. 6 and was No. 10 lightheavyweight when 1940 ended.

Marshall made his reputation as a skillful boxer with a crushing punch in either hand. Often giving away weight, he still managed to defeat many top notch men. Included in this list were: Ken Overlin, Babe Risko, Lou Brouillard, Teddy Yarosz and Charley Burley.

Bivins shocked many in his very first year as a pro as he bested Nate Bolden, Charley Burley and Anton Christoforidis. He continued to win and win big through 1942, with his only losses to Christoforidis, Lem Franklin (to whom he gave away 40 lbs), Tony Musto and Melio Bettina. But he defeated Teddy Yarosz, Curtis Sheppard, Billy Soose, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim, Tami Mauriello, Bob Pastor and Lee Savold before 1942 was finished.

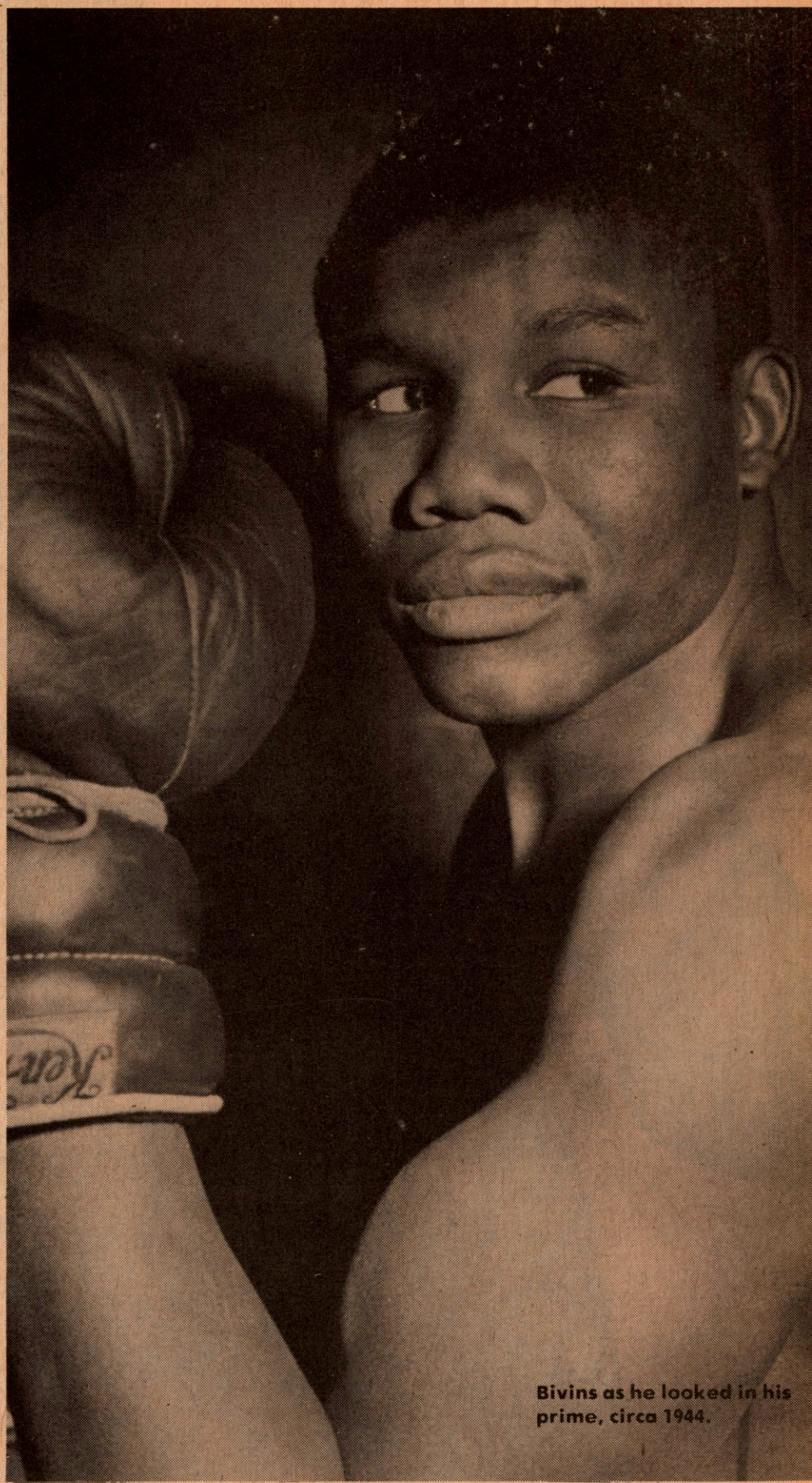
The Lesnevich bout was particularly important because Gus was the reigning light heavyweight champion. The bout, although a non-title affair, showed how good Bivins really was. After ten rounds Bivins won easily and caused Gus's manager to state, "This guy is too good for us—now or ever."

When 1942 ended Bivins held a rare distinction . . . he was world rated as No. 1 contender in both the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions, something no one had achieved before or since.

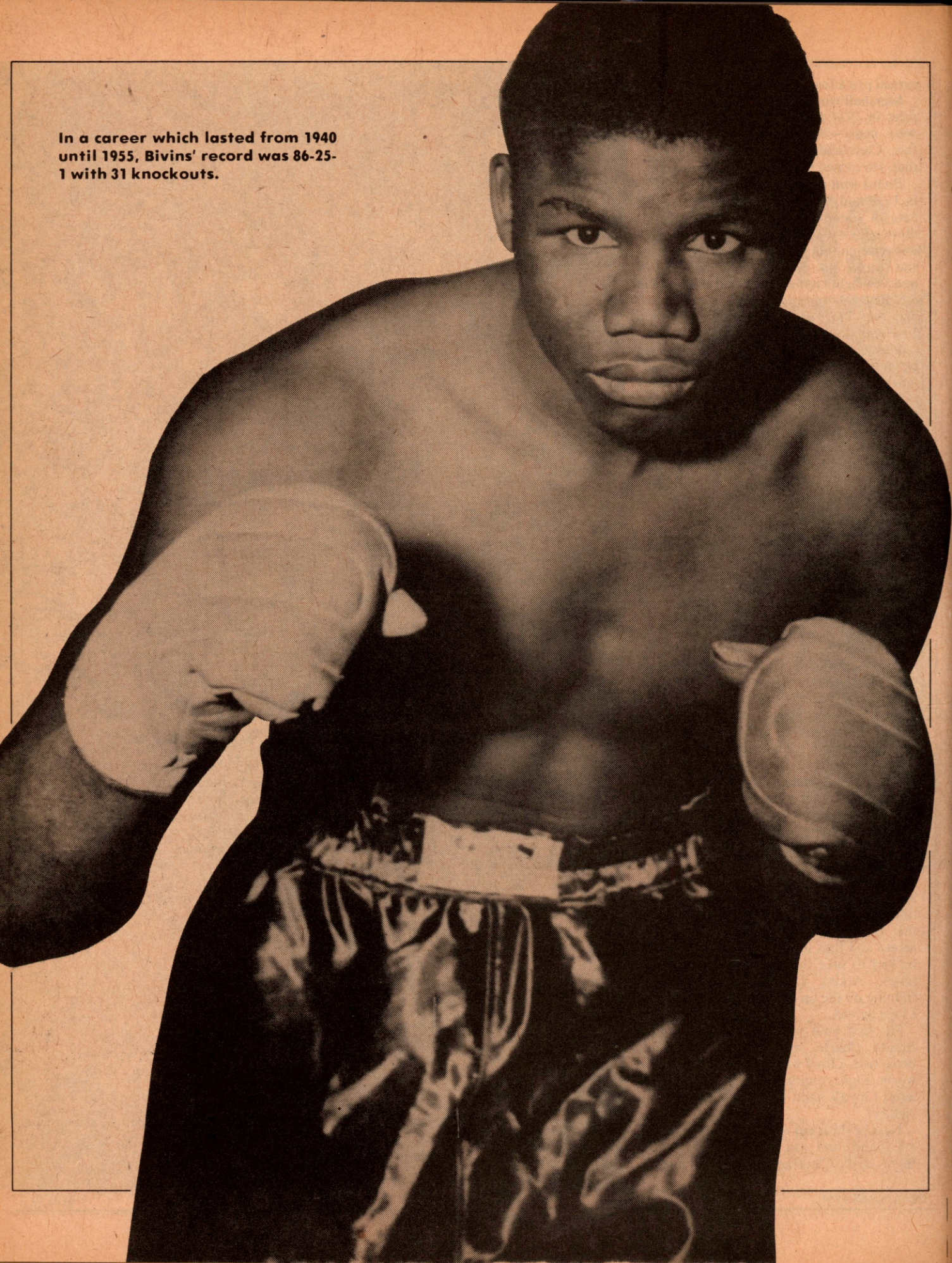
In 1943, with both men going strong, local promoter Larry Atkins brought Marshall back to Cleveland for the first time since his amateur days. Rumors had it that Lloyd was paid to lose earlier in his career and that in order to feed his family he had to take the short end of things at times. Atkins told Marshall he'd be fighting on the up and up in Cleveland and Lloyd agreed.

His first bout in Cleveland was against Ezzard Charles and without his hands being tied, Lloyd was able to show his true worth. Eight rounds and eight knockdowns later, Lloyd's hand was raised in knockout victory!

Next he thrashed Anton Christoforidis in ten rounds and was matched with Jimmy Bivins in the Cleveland Stadium on June 8,



Bivins as he looked in his prime, circa 1944.



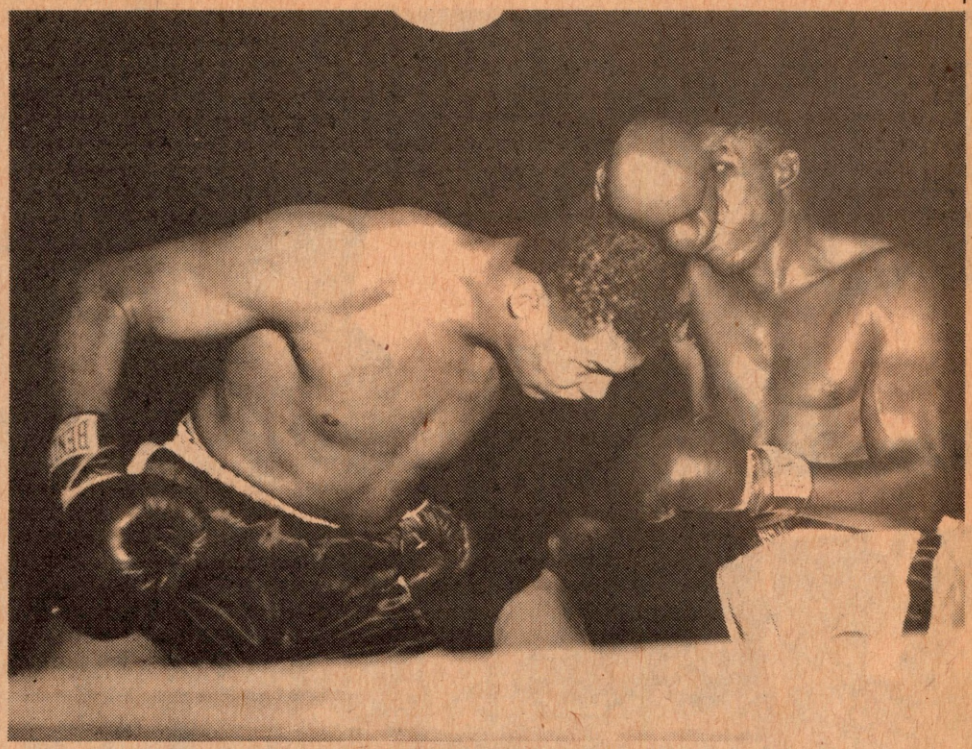
In a career which lasted from 1940 until 1955, Bivins' record was 86-25-1 with 31 knockouts.

1943 for Bivins' "Duration" light heavyweight crown.

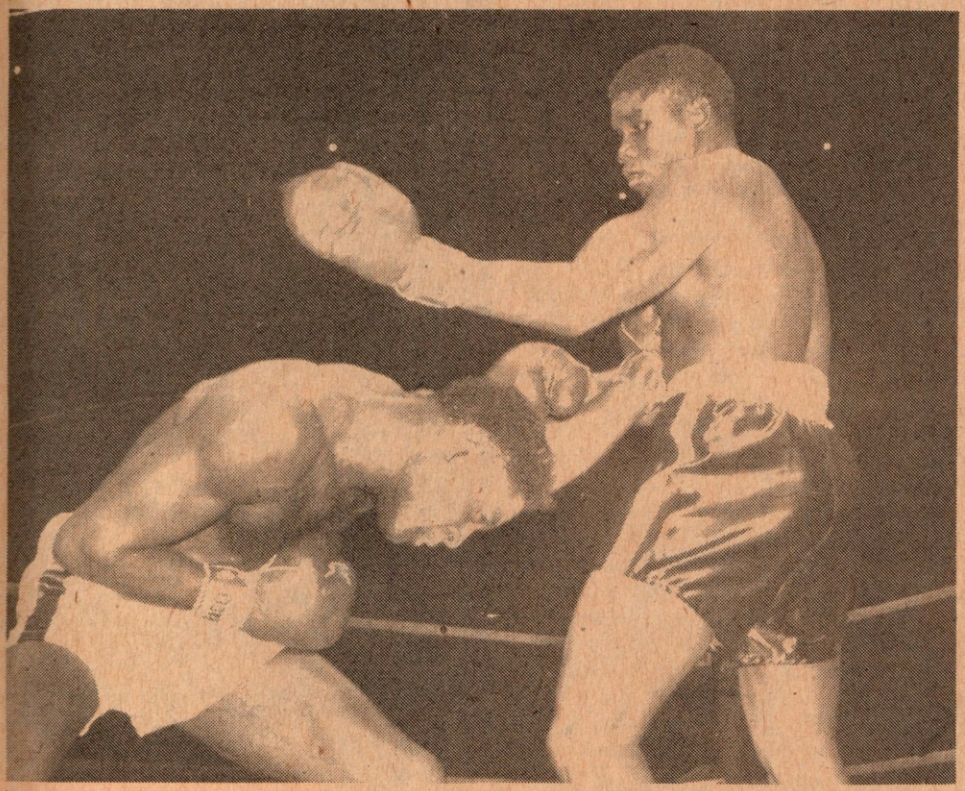
This brings me back to Bivins and how he became "Duration" or wartime, lightheavyweight champ. In 1943, Bivins thrashed Ezzard Charles by decision, knocking him down four times along the way. He was criticized for his performance because he didn't finish Ezzard off. Jimmy's mentor, Whizbang Carter, felt Jimmy humiliated Ezzard because he didn't stop him. Bivins felt he owed it to his old amateur buddy not to stop him. But in his next bout Ezzard got clobbered by Marshall.

At any rate with the war on, all titles were frozen and the newspapers started looking for wartime or "Duration" champs to help boost boxing while Louis, Conn, Lesnevich and others were serving their country. Bivins and Christoforidis emerged as the top two contenders after Jimmy thrashed Charles. So on February 22, 1943, at the old Cleveland Arena, Jimmy and Anton met in a 15-round bout to determine the "Duration" light heavyweight champion. Jimmy won in 15 rounds.

Next they matched Jimmy with Tami Mauriello in Madison Square Garden for the "Duration" heavyweight title. Frank Sinatra sang the anthem and the standing room only throng was treated to a lively bout that saw Bivins almost stop Tami and win a unanimous ten round decision.



Above: Coley Wallace (left) is stopped by Bivins in the ninth round his September, 1952, bout against Bivins. Below: Ezzard Charles crouches and lands a left to the midsection of Bivins in November, 1952. Charles won a 10-round decision in Chicago.



Sinatra cried because his Italian buddy Tami lost the bout.

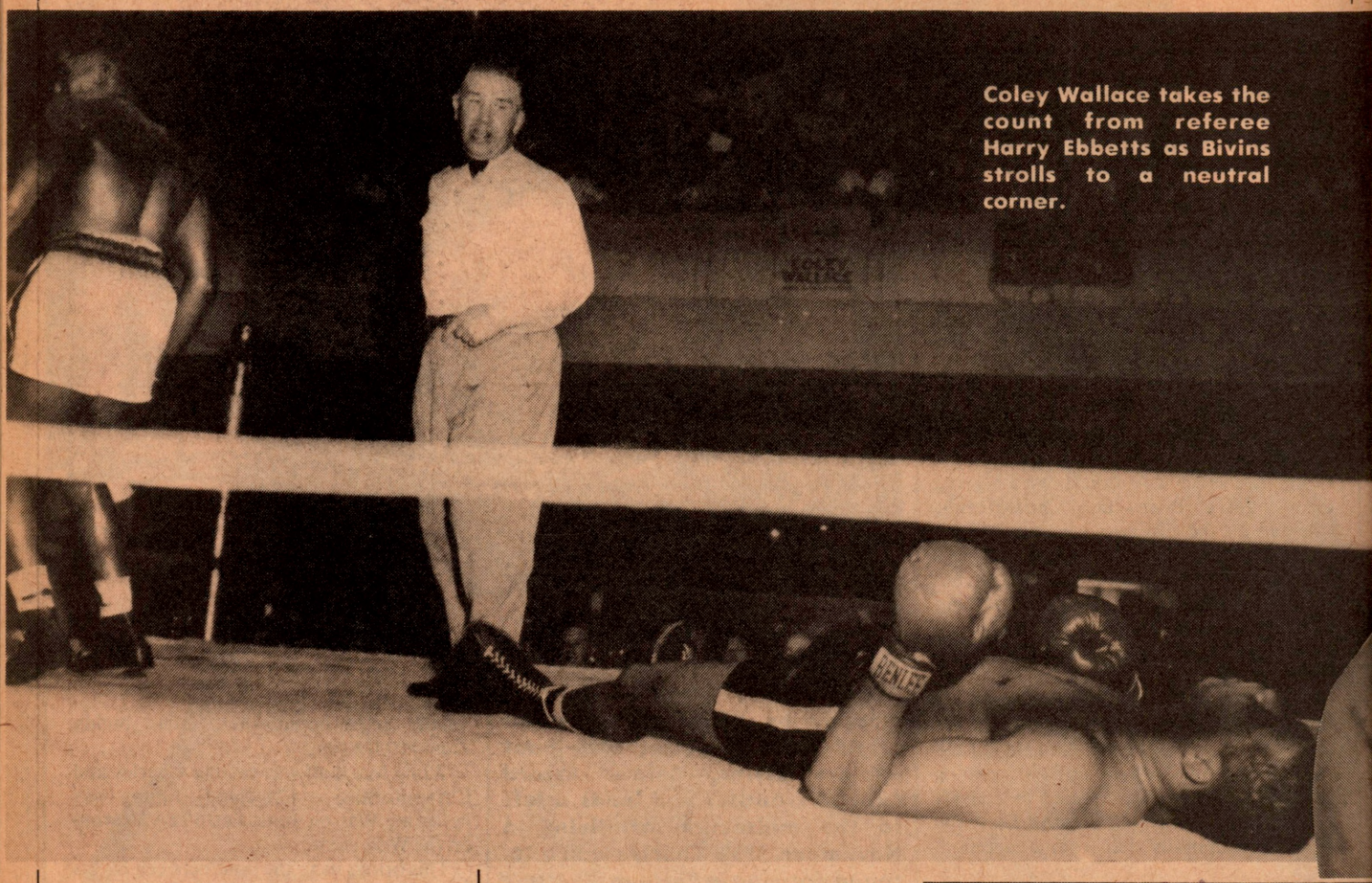
While Marshall was besting Charles and Christoforidis in Cleveland, Jimmy was defeating Watson Jones and Pat Valentino on the West coast.

This brings us to the bout between Bivins and Marshall for Bivins' "Duration" title. It rained the day of the bout but still over 18,000 people witnessed a spirited contest that saw Bivins down in round 7 and finally knocking Lloyd down three times before finishing him off in the 13th.

Lloyd went back to the wars and won a lot more than he lost. In Cleveland he was able to once again show his greatness by defeating Curtis Sheppard, Nate Bolden, Jake LaMotta, Joey Maxim and Joe Carter. He finally suffered his second Cleveland loss in 1945, when Archie Moore stopped him in ten rounds.

Bivins was still going great guns after the Marshall bout. In fact he never lost a contest until February, 1946, when Jersey Joe Walcott defeated him by split decision in Cleveland. But along the way Bivins retained his high ranking by knocking off such men as Melio Bettina, Lee Q. Murray, Johnny Flynn and Archie Moore, whom he stopped in 6 rounds on August 22, 1945, in Cleveland.

But as the Forties came to an end both Bivins and Marshall's stars began to fade. They were winning only now and then (Marshall knocked out Freddie Mills in 5 rounds in 1947 and decisioned Tommy Farr, in 1949).



Coley Wallace takes the count from referee Harry Ebbetts as Bivins strolls to a neutral corner.

In Marshall's case, he lost two straight by knockout to Ezzard Charles, a man whom he totally dominated in 1943. Bivins lost to both Charles and Moore by knockout in 1947.

But although they had different styles they also had many similarities. Bivins had a long reach (79") to go with his short frame (5'9"), and he relied on excellent boxing skills and a quick right to gain victory. Marshall banged well with both hands, but held his hands at his side and fought with a head roll that evaded most punches, and was a bit taller and leaner than Bivins. On the other hand, both were former amateur stars out of Cleveland, both were black, both were No. 1 contenders in one division or another for sometime, both never got a title shot, both defeated numerous world champions and both are considered among the best by the true blue boxing experts when it comes to rating all time light heavyweights.

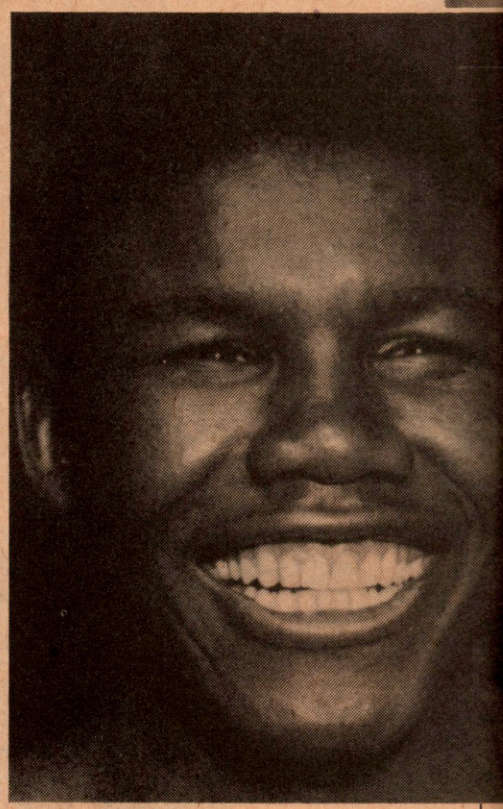
For the record Bivins fought from 1940 until 1955. He compiled a record of 86-25-1 with 31 knockouts. He defeated eight world champions: Ezzard Charles, Archie Moore, Teddy Yarosz, Billy Soose, Joey Maxim, Anton Christoforidis, Melio Bettina, and Gus Lesnevich. He also met: Joe Louis, Harold Johnson and Jersey Joe Walcott, losing close decisions to all three. He never threw a fight, always gave his all and came up with some career shockers in his later years when he knocked out Coley Wallace, defeated Wes Bascom and Mike DeJohn. In his prime from 1940 to 1945, he compiled a record of 48 wins, 5 losses, 1 draw.

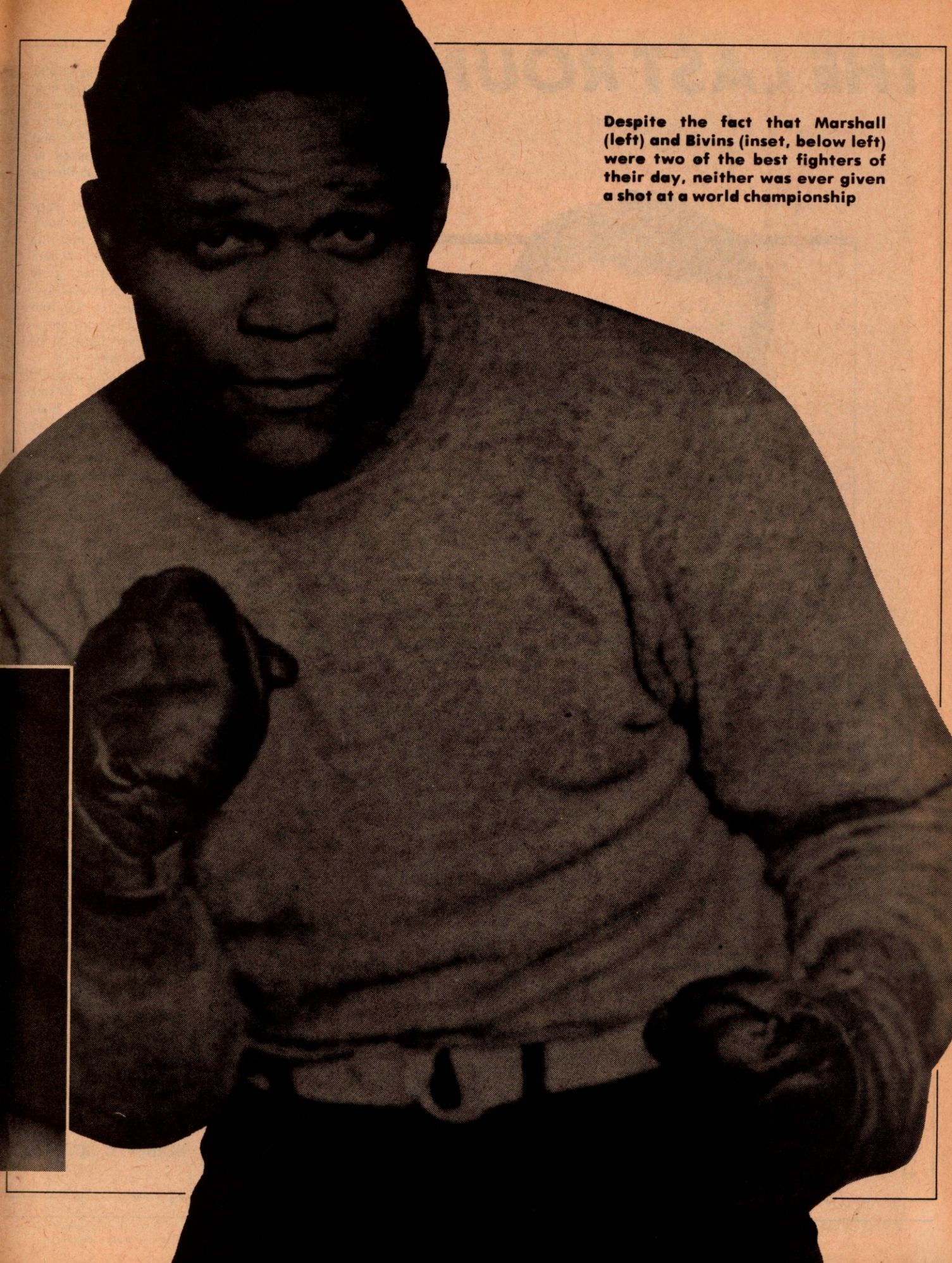
Marshall was a pro from 1937 until 1950, with a combined record of 64-24-4 (32 KO's). He defeated nine world champs: Babe Risko, Teddy Yarosz, Lou Brouillard, Ken Overlin, Freddie Mills, Ezzard Charles, Joey Maxim, Jake LaMotta and Anton Christoforidis. He also bested: Holman Williams, Charley Burley and met Archie Moore, Jimmy Bivins, Bobo Olson.

During his prime years from 1937 to 1945, he compiled a record of 52-11-3.

Both men are but part of a handful of great ring warriors who were top ranked for a long time yet never got a title shot. Be it prejudice, times, the fact that they were too good for their own good, or a number of other reasons, they weren't given their just due.

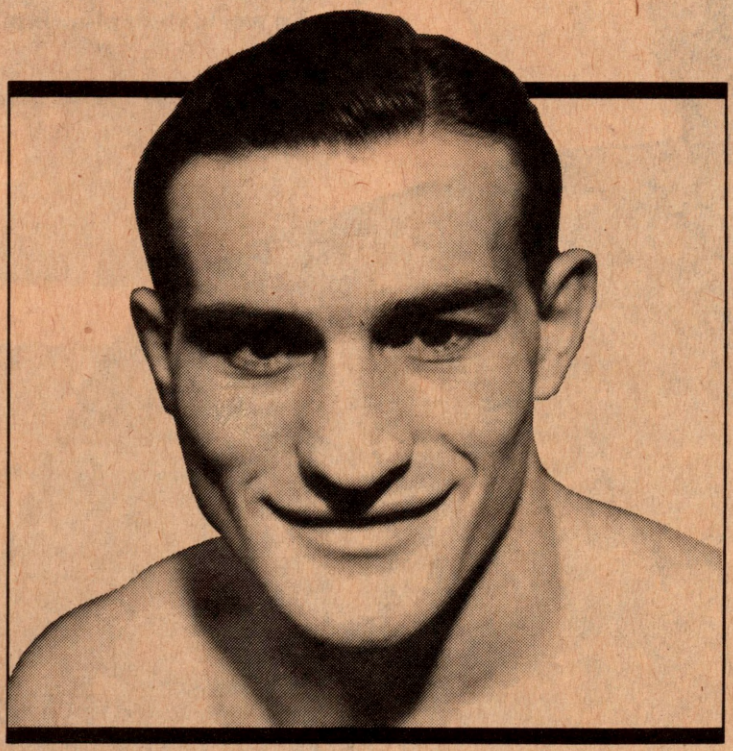
Jimmy Bivins and Lloyd Marshall truly were two of a kind!





Despite the fact that Marshall (left) and Bivins (inset, below left) were two of the best fighters of their day, neither was ever given a shot at a world championship

THE LAST ROUND



FREDDIE STEELE

BETWEEN THE TIME THAT MICKEY Walker relinquished the world middleweight title on June 19, 1931 until Tony Zale won "universal" recognition as champion by beating Georgie Abrams on November 28, 1941, a total of 15 fighters held various forms of recognition as champion of the 160-pound division. By common consent, the greatest of the lot was Freddie Steele. Freddie was smart, game, tough, and a hard hitter—an "all 'round" fighter in the true sense of the term.

Steele, a native of Tacoma, Washington, knew he wanted to be a pro fighter by the time that he was eight years old. At the age of 12, he started to hang out at a local gymnasium run by Dave Miller. Unimpressed at first, Miller finally began to notice that the skinny kid could punch the big bag with authority, and make moves that surprised the other fighters.

Miller took Steele under his wing and, at the tender age of 15, Freddie made his pro debut. Steele then weighed only 100 pounds, but he went undefeated in his first 44 contests. Finally, the night before his 18th birthday in December, 1930, Freddie lost a six-round bout to Tony Portillo in Seattle.

Victorious in a return encounter, Steele rapidly became the most feared welterweight on the Pacific Coast. In 1932, he twice stopped Filipino import Ceferino Garcia in two rounds—the same Garcia who would win the world middleweight title in 1939. During 1934-35, Freddie came into his own, stopping such standouts as Johnny (Bandit) Romero, Bucky Lawless, Joe Glick, Andy DiVodi, Baby Joe Gans, Fred Apostoli, and Vince Dundee. Apostoli would go on to win the title; Dundee had already held NBA and New York recognition as world middleweight champ.

Steele won the same recognition when he outscored Eddie (Babe) Risko in Seattle on July 11, 1936. He was now at the peak of his career, stopping future world's light heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich and outpointing William Gorilla Jones before the year was out.

Freddie defended his crown four times in 1937, outpointing Jones again, outscoring Risko, and stopping Frank Battaglia and future champ Ken Overlin. Steele was now rightfully considered the world's greatest middleweight, and negotiations opened for a "showdown" match between him and Fred Apostoli, who was recognized as world champ by the International Boxing Union of Europe.

Disagreements over money killed plans for a "unification" championship bout, but Steele and Miller agreed to a non-title match with Apostoli in Madison Square Garden. Almost three years earlier, Steele had given the San Francisco-born Apostoli a good lesson, stopping him in the 10th frame. Now, it was a different story. Apostoli fought one of the best fights of his life and kayoed Steele in the ninth.

Steele remained champion of the world in the eyes of the National Boxing Association and the New York State Athletic Commission, titles he retained by stopping Carmen Barth in Cleveland about six weeks later. Miller, however, was extremely coy about a title match with Apostoli, and the New York Commission finally decided to strip Steele of its recognition.

The undaunted Miller took Steele back to the west coast, where Freddie decisioned still another future title holder, Solly Kreiger, in a non-title 10. Steele, though, was in for a great shock. Dave Miller died suddenly, at the young age of 37. Freddie had already been signed to defend his NBA crown against the hard punching Al Hostak. The bout was held at the Civic Stadium in Seattle on July 26, 1938, and, for the first time, Dave was not found in Freddie's corner.

"Before the fight," Steele recalled decades later, "all I could think of was my manager was dead. He was like a father to me. My heart wasn't in it."

Hostak attacked Steele with a fury reminiscent of Stanley Ketchel, knocking Freddie out in 1:43 of the first round.

Steele was still only 25 years old, but he quit boxing. Freddie went to Hollywood and played bit roles in movies like *Gentleman Jim, G.I. Joe, Deep Purple*, and *Hail The Conquering Hero*. In need of cash, he tried a ring comeback in 1941, but Jimmy Casino stopped him in five rounds in Hollywood. Steele then became a longshoreman.

In later years, he operated a restaurant in Westport, Washington. Sadly, his health declined in the 1970s, and Steele's last years were spent fighting a game but losing battle against illness. Freddie Steele died in Aberdeen, Washington on August 23, 1984. Rest in peace, Freddie. You certainly have earned it.

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